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Briefly

GCC offers free GED classes

Belleville Area College is offering free general education development classes beginning in September at the Granite City Campus, 4650 Maryville Road.

Morning classes will meet from 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., weekdays from Sept. 9 through Oct. 7. Evening classes will be from 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 7 through Nov. 9.

Registration for daytime classes will take place starting at 9 a.m. and evening classes at 6:30 p.m., both on the first day of class.

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For more information, call BAC at 235-2700, extension 523, or toll-free in Illinois at 1 (800) BAC-5131, extension 523.

Police tip

September means children are back in school. With the prominence of two-income families, the Granite City Police Department encourages parents to teach their children some basic home safety rules to abide by while "home alone": Do not answer the door to strangers; Do not use electrical appliances; Do not allow friends to play inside and when to use the 911 emergency telephone number.

Billiards class

Noncredit instruction in pocket billiards will be offered at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville this fall.

Taught by a U.S. pocket billiards champion, this class will demonstrate how billiards is played today. Participants will have the opportunity to practice what they have learned during the class. The history of the game will also be discussed. Additional information may be obtained by contacting STUE at 692-3210.

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75 years ago

Sept. 1, 1919

The 1919 Labor Day picnic was held today in Granite City with Forrest Bushey winning the 100-yard dash, Russell Moore winning the high jump and Howard Roseberry winning the sack race.

Trivia

How many Americans died in a situation other than the traditional nuclear family in 1991?

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Haine: Shooting was justifiable

Businessman won't be charged

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said Wednesday he will stand by his decision not to charge a Venice business owner who shot and killed an alleged armed robber fleeing the scene early Tuesday morning.

"It's a tough call. But based on the facts of this case, and only on the facts, I stand by my decision not to prosecute Mr. (Anthony) Dezan," Haine said.

He said some had questioned his decision not to charge Dezan, 45, of St. Louis, who shot at three youths at about 2:15 a.m. Tuesday after they put a gun to Dezan's head and tried to rob him at John's Drive-In, 417 Broadway in Venice.

Marcus R. Thomas, 16, of Venice was pronounced dead at 3:03 a.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Thomas died of a gunshot wound to the lung after allegedly trying to rob Dezan, Madison County

Coroner Dallas Burke said.

Thomas and another youth, 17-year-old Eric Brawley of the 1200 block of Klein Street in Venice, were shot, allegedly while trying to rob Dezan.

Brawley's condition was reported as "between satisfactory and good" at SEMC.

"I'm not going to prosecute (Dezan) or anyone else who is defending his property, in this case from an armed man fleeing the scene," Haine said. "In my view, it's justifiable homicide."

Dezan told police he was leaving his store through the back door about 2 a.m. Tuesday when Thomas, Brawley and a third youth, Cornelius Baker, 18, of the 1300 block of Oriole Street in Venice, approached him. All three were wearing masks and one was carrying a small-caliber

handgun, a police report said. Brawley and Baker were charged with armed robbery Tuesday. Bond for each was set at \$100,000.

Haine said that they were already on the felony court docket awaiting trial on previous charges — one for aggravated battery and one for drug possession.

Haine said that one of the youths, carrying a gun, put it to Dezan's head and demanded money.

Dezan told the trio there was a money bag inside the door. Thomas reportedly retrieved the money bag and all three youths started running away. Dezan pulled out his own 9 mm handgun and fired 15 rounds at the boys.

Thomas was hit three times, in the lung, leg and buttock; Brawley was hit in the shoulder, reports said. Baker escaped, but was picked up later in the day.

"You have three people, two (see SHOOTING, Page 2A)



Haine



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

This sign in the window of John's Drive-In restaurant in Venice comes in the aftermath of Tuesday's shooting.

Mission to Africa

College student completes missionary trip to Zimbabwe

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

At 23, many college students are thinking of partying and simply "hanging out." Monica Wofford is not one of those. Monica, the daughter of Curtis and Julie Wofford of Granite City, recently returned from a month-long missionary trip to Zimbabwe, Africa, where she saw and helped many Africans turn to religion for guidance.

The trip was sponsored by Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo. Monica graduated from the university in May with a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology.

Monica and 16 of her fellow classmates went on the missionary trip and performed drama programs in African high schools, led revival and church services and conducted "street witnessing" — providing literature and explaining the gospel on the streets.

"I had a great time. We went as a group and got really close. It was great to work with my fellow students and see God move in people's lives," said Monica.

Monica recalled one specific incident which really touched her. She said that one night while her group was conducting a revival service, the children were very distracted.

She explained, "Myself and another lady went outside and prayed. There was an immediate difference in the invitation. Before we even finished praying, people were saying 'Hey, we need some ladies in here to counsel.' It was awesome to see that God was working."

While in Africa, Monica's group also got to partake in a little sightseeing. They went to a wild animal park and saw a variety of animals, including zebras, ostriches, elephants and giraffes. "That was pretty great," she

commented. They are very gentle people and really quite shy. They live in homes with concrete floors and walls. They are kind of like the American Indians are here.

— Monica Wofford

The group also traveled to Victoria Falls, the biggest waterfall in the world. Monica said it is one of the seven wonders of the world and spectacular to see.

Monica said the cities in Zimbabwe where the group primarily stayed, Gweru and Glen Norah, were very industrialized. She said the country does quite a bit of gem and metal mining.

"They weren't tribal people like you see in 'National Geographic.' We did see some primitive people along the roads in huts and cooking over an open flame, but in the cities, where we were, they were pretty westernized," Monica said.

Even though the people Monica and her group worked with weren't what others might consider tribal, they do belong to a tribe called Shona.

"They are very gentle people and really quite shy. They live in homes with concrete floors and walls. They are kind of like the American Indians are here," she said.

In Gweru the group worked with and assisted missionaries who were already in the country. They performed plays and sang at secondary schools, or high schools. And, they did a few things in the evenings at colleges.

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Monica Wofford of Granite City with some of the items she brought back with her from the month-long missionary trip she made to Zimbabwe.

Trash, weeds embarrass city

Madison vows crackdown

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The city of Madison is stepping up the inspection process for neglected property with unsightly weeds and trash.

Mayor John Bellecoff, Street Superintendent Robbie Robbins and most aldermen complained at the City Council meeting Tuesday night about the growing number of buildings in the city with trash strewn about them and high weeds that need cutting.

"It's high time that these people understand they are going to conduct themselves as members of the community and keep their property as others do, or we will cite them and send them to court," Bellecoff said.

Bellecoff said that he and City Inspector Grover Brannam were recently threatened by one resident while conducting an inspection.

"He threatened to shoot me or Grover the next time we stepped on his property," Bellecoff said. "But he's going back to court. We're not going to tolerate this," Bellecoff said.

He said that Brannam must spend hours in court on appearance dates — which takes away from the time he could be writing tickets for violations.

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Alderman Eleanor Armour, a school teacher, said that some of her students have volunteered to participate in a citywide cleanup because they are embarrassed about the appearance of the city.

She said that the situation is not a reflection on city workers, but on those who fail to keep their property clean.

"If deficiencies are not corrected within the time that's allowed, we will withhold their rent, or terminate the contract," the letter states.

The city has also stepped up building inspections. department will conduct a citywide cleanup sometime around Oct. 1. After that, he said, residents will be cited and fined for dumping mattresses and garbage in the alleys.

In a related matter, the city received a letter from Pat Luchini, Section 8 program director for the Madison County Housing Authority.

Last month, Bellecoff blasted the condition of some property in the city associated with the Section 8 program.

The housing authority is prohibited by the federal Privacy Act from providing the city with a list of Section 8 tenants or landlords at those properties, the letter states.

But if the city sends Luchini a list of properties with code violation problems, she will check to see if they are in the Section 8 program, according to the letter.

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Questioning — Stephanie Tinker of Granite City was one of many area residents who had questions for U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello during a meeting Monday in Pontoon Beach. Tinker asked Costello to look into the lawsuit filed by the city of Granite City to stop the IEPA cleanup. See story, more photos on Page 3A.

Candidate admits use of illegal lights

Alarm bells are ringing over a Republican sheriff candidate's apparently illegal use of red lights on top of a civilian vehicle.

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No one but officers sworn in the state of Illinois and other emergency personnel are permitted to drive vehicles with red lights on top.

Churchin could not be reached for comment. Veizer is one of the sheriff's top officers.

Unlawful use of red emergency lights is a misdemeanor under state law.

"I did have (the lights) on it for a while because sometimes I use my civilian vehicle for work and we also ride in parades a lot with them on," said Vahle, who is chief of security at Jefferson Barracks Air National Guard Base in Missouri.



Vahle

Vahle is a civilian employee of the adjunct general's division of the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

"I had them on my truck when we were coming back from the Livingston Homecoming parade (on Aug. 7) when the deputy stopped me and told me they were against the law."

"I guess I could have gone and got a letter from work saying I needed them to do my job but it wasn't worth the hassle," Vahle said.

The deputy apparently decided not to issue any citations after Vahle promised to remove the lights when he got home.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Deadbeats may lose licenses

SPRINGFIELD — Secretary of State George Ryan will seek legislation that would take away driving privileges of parents who fall at least three months behind in child support payments.

Ryan said the "deadbeats don't drive" proposal is modeled after a successful law in Maine.

In Maine, 17 parents who were delinquent in child support were given warning notices earlier this year to either make arrangements to pay or lose their licenses. All but 144 have done so, Ryan said.

Ryan cited Illinois Department of Public Aid estimates that 150,000 parents owe more than \$900 million in court-ordered child support in the state.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine, whose office has been pursuing delinquent child support cases, including filing criminal charges in some cases, called Ryan's proposal "an interesting proposal. It may be a practical way to encourage obedience to court orders."

"If I was a member of the Legislature, it's something I would seriously consider," he said.

Unpaid child support further burdens taxpayers by pushing more families onto welfare rolls, Ryan argued.

He said he will push lawmakers on their return next year to pass a bill that would have notices sent to drivers who are at least 90 days past due in child support. Referrals would be made to the Secretary of State's Office by the courts.

The suspensions would continue until a notice from the court showed that child support orders had been satisfied.

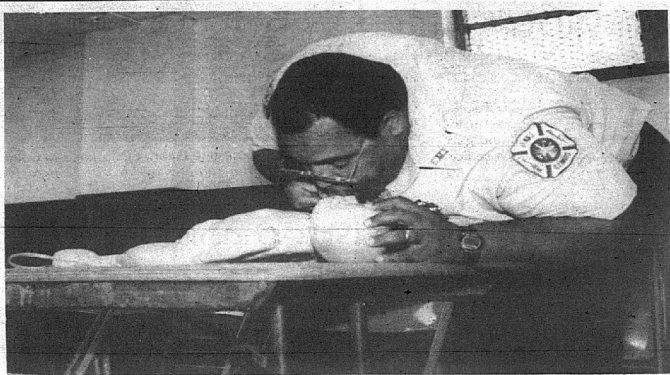
Ryan argued tying driving and child support together was justified because "they use their drivers license to drive to work to make money and they're just not sharing it with their kids."

"Almost everyone has a drivers license, and this is an excellent way to encourage these dead beats to pay up."

State law allows the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation to suspend professional licenses if it gets a court order indicating delinquency in child support payments.

The only other grounds on the books for suspending driving privileges are drunken driving, multiple moving traffic violations or failure to submit a vehicle to tail-pipe emission testing.

— From the Alton Telegraph



CPR demonstration — William Tyler, a firefighter with the Venice Fire Department, gave a CPR demonstration recently for youths participating in the Joe W. Roberts Youth Athletic Club summer program as part of a drug resistance program.

Shooting

(Continued from Page 1A)

of whom are charged with serious felonies — show up at this guy's property, put a gun to his head and demand money," Haine said.

"It has been alleged that (the youths) were running away. But we don't know what is going through the mind of the victim. They could have turned and fired on him. We know they are armed and dangerous and running from the scene of an attempted robbery."

"It is reasonable that the victim (Dezan) believed firing was necessary to prevent violence to others or himself," Haine said.

"And it all happened in a matter of a few seconds. Dezan is on his own property and is a recent victim of a crime. He is traumatized. He doesn't know if he's going to be killed and it's 2:15 a.m., so there's no one around."

"If he shot at them while they were surrendering or after the police had taken over, or if he had hunted them down later, that would be different. But those are not the facts of this case," Haine said.

"No one wants violence. No one wants crime or shootings. But when you take a gun and decide to commit a robbery, that is a chance you take," Haine said.



The exterior of John's Drive-In restaurant, scene of Tuesday morning's fatal shooting.

He said the case is similar to the much-celebrated Bernard Goetz incident on a New York subway more than a decade ago. Goetz, an engineer fired on an assailant and immediately became a hero in the media.

But there is one difference, Haine said.

"Goetz went on a train armed with a gun and was looking for trouble. Mr. Dezan didn't. He

was carrying out his business at 2 a.m. and obviously was not looking for this," Haine said.

If he were to prosecute Dezan, Haine said, the charge would have to be aggravated discharge of a firearm or possibly murder.

"And that carries with it a mandatory prison sentence. I just don't think that would be just in light of the facts of this particular case," Haine said.

I-270 woes may lead to new design

Structural deficiencies found in the Interstate 270 bridge at Chain of Rocks have state transportation officials considering ways to better design bridges.

An examination of the Mississippi River bridge, completed recently, revealed several defective steel pins that connect support beams to the bridge's underside, said Dale Klohr, Illinois Department of Transportation district engineer.

"We're OK for today, but in the long term, our experience shows that we're not too happy with the (pin) system," Klohr said. "We're looking at other systems for the future."

Two problems were discovered on the Illinois approach after it sank 4 inches Aug. 10. IDOT conducted ultrasonic tests on the bridge and found additional defective pins that resulted in various combinations of lane closures on the four-lane structure over several days.

Klohr two weeks ago ordered the entire bridge X-rayed, which revealed another defective pin

on the Missouri approach.

He got temporary support under that one beam; all the other pins proved to be in good condition," Klohr said.

It was the first time IDOT had X-rayed a bridge.

The department hired a Detroit firm to do the examination.

IDOT has not determined what caused the pins, which were last inspected in 1991, to break.

Department officials have speculated the pins could have been defective or given away because of excessively heavy loads carried by trucks.

Regardless of the reason, IDOT is considering other engineering to ensure safe travel for motorists.

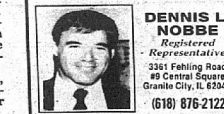
Klohr did not elaborate on options.

The bridge was opened in 1966 and normally carries about 51,000 vehicles per day.

Klohr stressed that repairs are complete and the structure is safe.

"Motorists have the green light," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph



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News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Crime bill will help with 'tools'

Two Democratic congressmen who differed on the federal crime bill were in the area this week to discuss the issue.

And while the two have opposite views on gun control, both ultimately supported the bill.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello said he originally voted against the bill because it included gun control provisions; when some of those were eliminated, he voted in favor of it.

U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin said the measure will give police more tools with which to fight crime.

Health department grant sought

Madison County officials are completing an application for a \$174,500 state grant to start setting up the county's first health department.

The grant money was included in this fiscal year's budget for the Illinois Department of Public Health just in case the Madison County Board finally gave it a green light.

Girl hit by postal truck, dies

A 22-month-old Granite City girl died from traumatic injuries to the head and chest Friday afternoon after being struck by a U.S. postal truck in the 3300 block of Kirkpatrick Homes.

According to police reports, Amber L. Voloski, 1211 Rear Meridian, was hit by a mail truck driven by Evelyn J. Gillespie, 41 of South Roxana, at 2:50 p.m. Friday.

Witnesses said Gillespie was northbound in the alley of the 3300 block of Kirkpatrick Homes traveling at about five miles per hour. As the driver attempted to turn right into the 4300 block alley, the child ran into the path of the truck from the left.

Merchants worry about road work

Although phase three of the Pontoon Road construction project isn't set to begin until 1996 or 1997, many business owners are already fretting, and others are still feeling the effects of the last phase.

Carol Payne, manager of Rebecam Auto Parts, and Ray Wood of Wood Lock and Key Service both said their businesses were adversely affected by recent construction on Pontoon Road.

Others, like Bill Nolan of Nolan Accounting and Dr. Mark Eavenson of Eavenson Chiropractic, said the construction has no effect on their businesses.

Gasoline found at fire station

Granite City's main fire station is again contaminated even though the city has spent more than \$450,000 to remove underground gasoline storage tanks.

The city removed underground storage tanks in 1991 and paid to have a large amount of gasoline-contaminated soil removed and remediated.

The site was 95 percent clean last summer when additional testing revealed gasoline — fresh gasoline — on the site.

District to leave 'watch list'

Granite City school finances have improved in the past year. District Director of Finance Gene Logas said the district will be dropped from the state's financial "watch list."

Man tapped for development post

A man who helped develop the comprehensive development plan for the city of Granite City will now get a chance to see it implemented.

Franz Krainatz, 33, of Belleville, has been appointed director of economic development.

Zoning ruling delayed

A convenience store with package liquor sales will continue to operate on residentially-zoned property while Granite City officials weigh the pros and cons of the proposal.

The City Council last week asked the Planning and Zoning Commission to review further an application by Bob Bell and Ron Goforth for a nonconforming use permit for Ice House Liquors, 2446 Washington Ave.

Vital statistics

Following is the monthly report of vital statistics in Madison County issued through the office of County Clerk Deborah Sallie.

JULY	1994	1993
Births —		
Males	121	125
Females	101	146
Total	222	271
Twins (sets)	0	0
Deaths	190	211
Marriages	244	198

Pet adoption day

The Highland Animal Shelter will have its monthly Adopt-A-Pet on Saturday, Sept. 10, at PetSmart on Highway 50 in O'Fallon.

The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Highland Animal Shelter has a wide variety of dogs and cats who are looking for new homes. Many of these animals have already been spayed or neutered, and all have their current vaccinations.

The cost of adopting a cat will be \$18 and a dog will be \$40.

Army Reserve unit is grounded

A local Army Reserve unit that planned to help fight forest fires in the Northwest has been grounded.

The Seventh Battalion 158th Aviation Regiment, based at Scott Air Force Base, was informed last week that its services are no longer needed.

Five aircraft and about 25 personnel from SAEF were scheduled to leave this week for Idaho to help fight forest fires in the Northwest.

Saturday morning, the reservists were informed by governmental officials that their services are no longer needed.

Maj. Greg King does not believe this news is a result of the Seventh Battalion services possibly being cut by the federal government.

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Congressman Jerry Costello, left, listens to Bob Becker's concerns over the crime bill and gun control following the congressman's town hall meeting Monday at the Pontoon Beach senior citizens center.



Costello listens as Ernestine Hahn, right, makes a point after his town hall meeting Monday. Irene Karlechik waits her turn to talk to the congressman.

Costello gets an earful: Crime is top concern at town meeting

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

Crime, the environment and health care are on the minds of area residents.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello (D-Bellefonte) held a town meeting in Pontoon Beach Monday as part of a series of meetings "in a continuing effort to keep in touch with constituents in the 12th Congressional District."

"These meetings give us an opportunity to talk one-on-one about the major issues which will face the Congress this fall," he said.

The major point of discussion at the meeting, held at the senior citizens center in Pontoon Beach, was the crime bill recently passed by both houses of Congress and awaiting the signature of President Bill Clinton.

Costello voted for the crime bill, but he explained that he was at first against it because of its gun control provisions.

Costello ultimately voted for the bill because "the benefits of the bill far outweighed the negative parts."

Howard Lathrop of Pontoon Beach asked Costello: "If these bills are so good, why does it take so much convincing? Why do you always hear that 83

percent of the people want guns banned if so many people have them?"

Costello answered that the majority of people are not in favor of a gun ban. He also said that he believes there are some weapons which should not be available, but he thinks to place limits on such weapons would come too close to gun control.

Next Bob Becker of Pontoon Beach asked Costello whether he was in favor of the federal prison in Greenville.

Costello responded: "The fact is, we need a prison system. We live in a permissive society. We need to hold people responsible for their actions. We need the Greenville prison; in fact we need more prisons."

John LaBue of Belleville said he is tired of hearing about "guns for sporting reasons," mentioned in the Second Amendment.

"That's not what was meant when that was written. I want to hear that someone is going to repeal some of this," he said.

Dan McGuire of Granite City said he believes more focus should be placed on keeping youths out of crime. McGuire said he is starting a recreation program for youngsters ages eight through 17 in Madison County, and he will provide transportation for the kids.

McGuire said he has heard of crime prevention funds and wondered whether he could apply for some of the funding. Costello told him that after President Clinton signs the bill, McGuire should contact Costello's office.

Stephanie Tinker of Granite City asked about lead contamination in Granite City.

Costello said that the latest he knew about the situation was that the city had filed suit against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for beginning the lead cleanup process in early August. The city

is concerned about recontamination during the removal process.

He said the judge temporarily ruled in favor of the city, and the EPA was ordered to stop the process until Sept. 20 when a federal judge will hear testimony on a city motion for a temporary restraining order.

Tinker lives in the 1400 block of State Street, which is only a block from the lead pile.

"What scares me is the lead in the yard my two-year-old plays in. We've had pets that have died because of the lead," she said.

Costello suggested Tinker stay in contact with his office about the matter and said that he doesn't necessarily agree with the way the federal agency is handling the situation.

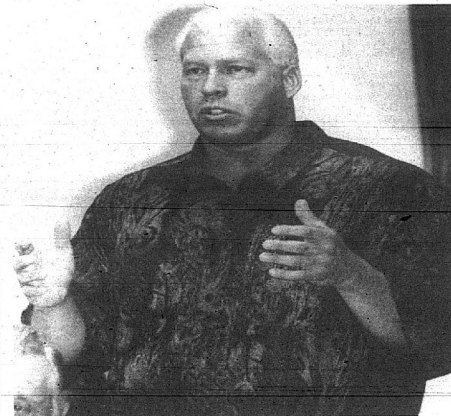
On health care, Costello said: "There are lots of bills out there, and your guess is as good as mine about which will be voted upon. I don't think that you'll see anything passed on health care soon."

He said that the biggest problems he sees with health care are not being able to afford insurance unless through an employer, and not being able to get insurance if one has a pre-existing condition.

"I give the President very high marks on his health care bill. I don't agree with everything he says, but here's a bill that he introduced himself," Costello said.



Howard Lathrop of Pontoon Beach expresses his concerns over gun control during the question-and-answer session.



Dan McGuire of Granite City asks how money in the crime bill for preventive programs will be distributed.

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Opinion

Editorials

Pollution debate

Residents of the Granite City area are certainly among those most interested in — and affected by — state and federal regulations on air pollution. But like others throughout the metropolitan area, we would be ill served by a plan to put the area in a tougher pollution category.

Federal officials are considering such action based on the results of ozone testing done this summer. If taken, the action would mean more pollution controls and limits on road construction and business expansion, officials said.

The metropolitan area has been below federal health and safety standards under the federal Clean Air Act. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now interpreting the law to mean that no more than one testing station in a metro area may exceed the standard any more than once per year from 1994 through 1996. Because there have been four such incidences this summer at a single site (Queeny Park in St. Louis County), the area would probably be bumped up to the serious classification, USEPA officials say.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency officials say that is unfair because ozone is heavily influenced by weather patterns. This summer's hot, dry weather has contributed to the high test results, they say.

There have been two days in which the ozone hazard level of 120 parts per million was exceeded in Madison County and seven days in which it was exceeded in Madison County and Alton on Aug. 12 and 128 parts per million at a Wood River testing station on the same day. On June 20, there were 137 parts per million recorded at Maryville.

But not all of the state programs to reduce emissions are in place yet. For example, an expanded vehicle tailpipe testing program that will include more cars and more stringent tests in Madison and St. Clair counties will not start until next year, but is part of the state's ozone strategy.

If the U.S. EPA were to upgrade the St. Louis metro area to "serious" for ozone, new strategies may be required. Companies with fleets would have to have vehicles burning natural gas or other alternative fuels would likely be required.

In addition, the Illinois part of the metro area might have to join the Missouri portion in requiring vapor recovery devices on gas pumps. There would also be the possibility for restrictions on industrial expansion and road construction.

Ozone, of course, can cause health problems for those with respiratory illness and it is one of the main ingredients in smog. Reducing the levels of ozone that we breathe is certainly in everyone's best interest. But progress has been made over the years in battling this problem; to penalize the area at this point for what seems like technical violations hardly seems fair or wise.

Canadian couple offer different perspective

Don't talk to strangers. A warning which, in most of my adult life, I've honored more in the breach than in the observance. I don't take candy from them and steer clear of getting in their cars, but there have been occasions when even passing the time of day with them has been a major error.

Koolhae do about. By and large, though, both Ed and I have found that talking to strangers can be fun, enlightening and interesting, a way of getting a perspective different from that of our own small enclave.

Not always all that different, though. For instance, on a trip to eastern Canada earlier this year, we spent our hours in a Quebec City restaurant, talking to a couple from Montreal who were seated at a table next to ours and found we had more in common than either couple would have suspected.

Four hours is a long time for strangers to converse and Andre and his wife finished their meal long before we did, but stayed on, through coffee and brandy, until the last dog died and the management began getting antsy. Fortunately, they were both bilingual — our French is rocky at best — but we never ran out of topics. Mutual concerns about crime in the streets of our respective countries, health care, politics (theirs and ours), the erosion of traditional family values.

They were surprised that we didn't expect a health care bill to pass our Congress, or, for that matter, a significant crime bill. In fact, we were surprised to learn that they were well pleased with the Canadian health care system. After all, we'd heard and read so much about its flaws. Flaws which, for the most part, they discounted.

When we said we felt the proposed health care bill, and the numerous amended bills being considered, were too complicated and questionable, they understood better. And when we said they were all too political, we struck a chord. Just as here, they said. Although proud of their French heritage, they surprised us when they said they opposed the Parti Quebecois in the upcoming Sept. 12 provincial elections because they are opposed to the separatist movement, a referendum on which they are sure would follow the heels of a PQ victory. Should the province separate from Canada, it would be bad for Canada and, especially, for Quebec, especially.

Carol
Clarkin



economically, they said. The conversation made me realize how little attention our own newspapers pay to the goings-on in our friendly neighbor to the north, but that's something else we appear to have in common. They don't print that much about each other. A random sampling from Toronto's Globe & Mail of Aug. 9, for example, International dateline plenty, but only one American news story (New Haven, Conn.), two sports stories (New York and Pittsburgh), a two-paragraph from Los Angeles about Madonna being stalked, a movie review from San Antonio. There was an editorial about the American education system.

Actually, the most interesting story in that day's paper that related to all to things-American was a television review of an upcoming PBS special on Iran-Contra, a special I hope airs here. It's called "The Times of a Sign: A Pole History of the Iran-Contra Scandal" and it tells a true story of something that was completely new to me: the theft of a street sign in Odon, Ind. (Pop. 1,500) the home town of Rear Admiral John P. Foster, and then claimed that it had been named. Actually, it was the town's main drag and the villain in the piece was a local politician, Bill Breeden. In fact, I wouldn't call him a villain.

When the Pointdexter family pressed for the sign, the guy followed Pointdexter's example and took the Fifth Amendment and then claimed that he was holding the sign for the \$30-million ransom (the amount of the Contra funds) to be given to Nicaraguan children. I won't spoil the rest of the story, just in case we're lucky enough to see it on Channel 9, but I can't help wondering why, after all these years, it was news to me!

But back to mutual concerns. Canadian-American concerns, there was an outstanding one: The baseball strike. Both Andre and I are avid baseball fans. Andre named Gordy expressed very real and deep concern over that. After all, he told us, this is the first time Montreal has really had a shot at a pennant!



Park recalls Worthen's 50-year service

Long service on some public boards requires much more than a willingness to devote time without pay to help guide a governmental district. It also requires the ability to gain election and then a series of re-elections, each won by the most popular of competing candidates.

Attention has focused this year on the lengthy public service records of Leslie Monroe Worthen and one of his family members, the late William Milton Worthen.

When Monroe Worthen died suddenly in 1994, he was serving as president of the Granite City Board of Education and had been on that board without interruption for 34 years.

The board now has renamed Parkway School for Monroe Worthen. It adjoins Worthen Park currently owned by Milton Worthen.

Acquired in 1962, the 20-acre site on south Maryville Road was divided in 1964 into a park and an elementary school campus. Milton Worthen Park currently contains 27.5 acres.

Monroe Worthen's 34-year participation on the school board was an unusual and significant achievement in itself, not to mention the accomplishments of the seven-member board in setting policies and making many school-related decisions over a period of several decades.

For today's topic, it can be



Bill
Winter

noted that Milton Worthen served even longer, 50 consecutive years, on the Granite City Park Board. That five-member board also is unsalaried.

The idea of a Granite City park district was submitted by 100 local residents to Madison County Judge J.E. Huelshetter, and the proposal was easily in a special election Feb. 19, 1921.

The first commissioners elected were Milton Worthen, John W. Costley, Martin G. Stanek, John R. Kelahan and William Schooley.

An initial goal was to remove railroad tracks from the north side of 24th Street and the south side as well.

The land was purchased from the Niedringhaus family, founders of Granite City, and from the Terminal Railroad, enabling a landscaped parkway to be created (although it was not fully completed until 1934).

By June 1921, the newly organized park district also had acquired a triangular tract from the Niedringhaus trustees,

allowing Memorial Park at 21st Street and Madison Avenue to be dedicated to war veterans on July 4, 1921.

A key move was to select Ernest Sieveking as the first park superintendent. Among his many other duties, Sieveking developed the formal gardens in Wilson Park. A 74-acre site had been acquired for Wilson Park and it was opened in 1923.

The park district from its first year sponsored many playground programs and, as the years went by, steadily added more parks and recreational facilities.

Kelahan was the first park board president, serving five years until the election of Schooley as president in 1928, followed by Costley in 1928.

Worthen headed the board for four years, 1929-33, and then another 13-year stint, 1935-48. Worthen was vice president of the Illinois State Association of Park Districts in 1959-60 and president of the state group in 1961-62.

Athletics received considerable emphasis from Worthen and other park board members and the district at various times was involved in fostering softball, basketball, baseball, tennis, bowling, ice hockey, archery, touch football, golf, gymnastics, swimming, roller skating and ice skating.

The original sand-bottom swimming area in Wilson Park

was replaced in 1940 by a concrete swimming pool, which was itself replaced by a brand new pool this summer.

Despite some public objections, the district expanded Wilson Park to the north and then survived a 1938 election held to dissolve the park district. Despite the dissolution attempt, the park and recreation system has always encountered solid public support in tax rate elections and bond issues.

Although I played only a small role, as park co-chairman, I take a bit of paternal pride in the ice skating rink and recreation center approved by voters in 1965.

It was felt that the rink would help advance the local area's image as a good place to live as well as to work, and the project won by a 4-1 margin in pre-Christmas balloting, when citizens were in a generous mood.

Also successful was a 1969 election to bring the big Nameoki area within park district boundaries.

Although Milton Worthen concluded his board service in the 1970s, he will never be forgotten for his favorable impact on the community.

He was a major factor in the park district's efforts to achieve what has become an excellent, nationally-recognized program of beautification, fitness and fun.

Letters

Caning might help crime bill

TO THE EDITOR:

"Many of the tough provisions are gone," said Sen. Robert Dole about the so-called crime bill. It "could have been concocted by a university sociology department rather than by those concerned with effective law enforcement."

Sen. Orrin Hatch called it "a Senate raton rouge." The Wall Street Journal, 6-18-94, described it as Clinton's pork barrel stimulus package that Congress failed to pass.

Too bad the bill doesn't include public caning for drug offenses. Given a choice between jail or caning, gang members prefer jail because caning would dishonor them among their peers.

Will funding midnight basketball stop gangs from fighting over territory? While this bill allocates billions to social programs, I would have preferred education vouchers so parents could send their children to the schools of their choice, as the Clintons do. A good education is more beneficial to a student's future than midnight sports.

For gun owners, Clinton's often quoted so-called "assault rifle" ban, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, will affect around 200 firearms and not just the 19 usually mentioned. And there are those who pledge that the list of barred firearms will increase. I begin to worry when a government is so determined to disarm its population.

As one who votes for all anti-gun legislation, U.S. Rep. Rick Warren, June 18th, on KMOX radio, described Rep. Charles Schumer as a good friend with similar political views. He credited Schumer as being the architect of the House crime bill.

In the article, "Gun Owners, You are the Target," columnist

Charley Reese describes Durbin's political ally and friend, Schumer, as one of the "most obnoxious and intellectually dishonest members of Congress."

Reese mentions a confidential Jan. 6, 1994 Handgun Control memo detailing how, under the guise of ever increasing license fees, gun ban advocates are plotting to deprive all Americans of their constitutional right to own firearms.

With 19 anti-gun bills, including Schumer's, in the House and Senate, many think the congressional choice between Illinois Rifle Association and NRA member, Bill Owens, or Charles Schumer's like-minded friend, Dick Durbin.

RICHARD LARGEN
Bethalto

Crime bill will prove costly

TO THE EDITOR:

Mr. Durbin, thank you for the job you're doing as a member of Congress. You have accomplished many things in the past years. But none of which compare to your support which helped pass the crime bill.

This bill when becoming law will cost the taxpayers a lot of money. But of course this does not trouble you, because you are very good at spending our money. You have just wasted our money again.

Also, you have not told us the truth again. The crime bill will not provide the promised 100,000 police officers. It will also release more than 10,000 drug addicts from our prisons. It will only disarm the law-abiding citizens, and not the criminals.

When first elected as a congressman, you had listened to the people's beliefs, needs and wishes. And then represented them through your voting power. I do not know who you are representing now, but it is no longer the majority of the people in the

20th District. Mr. Durbin, it is time for you to be voted out of office, and to vote somebody in that does listen to us.

MICHAEL GOLEK
Collinsville

Who would need assault weapon?

TO THE EDITOR:

Why are assault weapons needed in Granite City, Madison, Venice or any other city or small town in the United States?

No one needs an assault weapon to go hunting for a deer, quail, rabbit, grouse or any other

game. Isn't the assault weapon used in a violent attack with the intention of injuring a human being?

Why is Congressman Jerry Costello siding with the National Rifle Association, which is sponsoring assault weapons? Could it be that the NRA is contributing to Costello's campaign fund?

Does the NRA think that assault weapons are needed for hunting deer, quail, rabbit or grouse?

Are gun companies afraid of losing their business? Are they afraid of losing prestige?

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People

Branson resident visits her



Lucille Martin of Branson, Mo., visits her mother, Mrs. George E. Martin, who is recovering from a recent heart attack at 931-0731.

Former resident and her children, Jason and Lisa, and Sandy Leffel, all of Mo., area — spent visiting Wayne's Glady's Phelps. The other relatives at this area.

Phelps' 10th girl was born Aug. 2, Debbie Jones of the parents of the child, who weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces.

Georgia Lee T. woman, has recorded contractions in the Coast Records in the for the song "The which she wrote recorded Sept. 14.

A pot luck dinner was held in the Citizen Hall. After meal, the rest was spent playing.

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Chester and his granddaughters, Ashley and Lane, have returned from a two-week tour of West Virginia and also.

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Branson residents visit here



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 831-0731.

Former resident Wayne Fry and his children — Christopher, Jason and Crystal Fry and Sandy Lefel, all of the Branson, Mo., area — spent the weekend visiting Wayne's grandmother, Gladys Phelps. They also visited other relatives and friends in this area.

Phelps' 10th great-grandchild was born Aug. 24. Jimmie and Debbie Jones of Granite City are the parents of Corbin Lee. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Georgia Lee Tompkins, a local woman, has received a second recording contract with East Coast Records in Massachusetts for the song "The Fires of '94" which she wrote. It will be recorded Sept. 14.

A pot luck dinner of Aug. 27 was held in the Pontoon Senior Citizen Hall. After enjoying the meal, the rest of the evening was spent playing games.

Seniors attending were Bill and Ruth Dagon, Earl and Rose Edmiston, Betty McGinnis, Nora Birtley, Otto and Corrine Krehmer, Everett and Alice Hudson, Faye E. Rody, Lucille Martin, Sylvia Massman, Julia Mainor, Andy Semurda, Edna Webster, Stanley and Loreta Golab, Birdie Tayan, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Laurence Purcell, Ruby Hocking, William and Naomi James, Bob and Genny Alford, Lottie Ostresh, Irene Weber, Charles Kunick and Lorraine Parkinson.

Chester and Kay Anderson and their granddaughters, Whitney and Ashley of Breckenridge Lane, have returned home from a two-week vacation. They toured West Virginia and Kentucky and also visited relatives.

Jill and Kori Hartung, children of John and Lisa Hartung, who have been visiting relatives here for six weeks, returned to their home in Rex, Ga., to attend school.

They were accompanied by their grandmother, Linda Boswell, who visited a week with the family. Boswell then visited another daughter and family, Delora and Craig Grammer and daughters Deanna and Betty. She spent some time in Sandusken, Fla., accompanied by Tom and Susan Rundquist. She returned home this week.

"A Time to Grow" will be held in the Baptist building in Springfield from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 1. It will include meeting missionaries, touring the Baptist building, singing songs and playing games. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and drink for a picnic. T-shirts will be sold.

The space is limited, so pick up registration forms at local churches or the Baptist Center by Sept. 23.

Alzheimer's group sets toll-free line

The St. Louis Alzheimer's Association has expanded its services to non-metropolitan St. Louis areas in additional counties in western Illinois by implementing a toll-free 800 telephone number.

The number is available for families, caregivers, and care providers who wish to call the Association for assistance and information.

The Association's new toll-free telephone number is 1-800-960-0600.

The Helpline is available five days a week, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an emergency number during evenings or weekends.

Patient families and caregivers are now able to call, without charge, for a variety of information and assistance calls that can be rather lengthy.

Among counties served are Madison, Clinton, St. Clair and Monroe.

By Deb Sauerhage
Correspondent

Scuba diving is not usually an activity associated with the Midwest. Tom Pospeshil is trying to change that perception.

Pospeshil, an owner of Mid America Scuba II in Fairview Heights, is a certified scuba instructor and has been interested in scuba diving for the past 30 years.

"I grew up watching Sea Hunt with Lloyd Bridges," he said. "I spent the '70s and early '80s watching every Jacques Cousteau program."

Pospeshil also remembers being influenced by the mid-1970s shipwreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald in Lake Superior and the hit song about the event by Gordon Lightfoot.

Being in the Midwest you normally don't think of scuba diving," he said. "We are only a few short hours from many interesting places: Table Rock (in Missouri), the Great Lakes, and only 12 hours from the Gulf of Mexico."

Pospeshil, of Fairview Heights, became a certified diver in 1989. He is now an instructor when he's not working by day as a production supervisor at Peerless Premier Appliance Company in Belleville.

Pospeshil said there are a variety of reasons why people take up scuba diving.

"For the most part it's a new world they want to see," he said. "The neat thing about diving is anyone can enjoy it. I've taught students as young as 12 and as old as 68. All you need is a swimsuit and a towel."

Scuba diving attracts a variety of people from all walks of life, he said.

"It's amazing the type of people," he said. "You have a broad range of people who all have a common bond."

Learning to scuba dive is a three-step process, Pospeshil said. It involves classroom work, practicing in the water and the actual certification.

"It may take anywhere from two weeks on up to learn," he said. "Most of our students certify in about six months."

Pospeshil uses local pools for practice and utilizes a private lake near Pinckneyville for actual certification of his students.

He said there aren't any special requirements to take up scuba diving.

"You have to be comfortable in the water," he said. "Swimming is not high on the list of skills."

He does hope, however, that students will not have to use everything they learn in class.

"We teach situation management and emergency procedures and hope they never need it," he said.

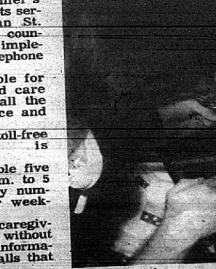
Pospeshil compares scuba diving to being an astronaut in outer space.

"What the select few do in outer space, we can do under water," he said referring to the weightlessness. "The Shuttle astronauts trained under water to get used to the feeling of weightlessness."

Pospeshil says he has a hard time explaining what it is like being under water.

"It's peaceful," he said. "I can't think of a stronger word."

He has dived in the Caribbean, Florida, Guam and



Jay Burghmann of O'Fallon practices a breathing exercise under water.

Diving headlong into scuba



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Instructor Tom Pospeshil watches his class prepare equipment as they get ready to do their first dive.

The neat thing about diving is anyone can enjoy it...All you need is a swimsuit and a towel.

— Tom Pospeshil
Scuba Instructor

the Great Lakes, among other places.

His favorite dives have been at Truck Lagoon, a Japanese shrine of military wrecks near Gaum, and at Bull Shoals, where a complete town was flooded to create the lake.

Complete buildings are still standing, he said. Divers often find modern artifacts there and "swim" through tree tops in an underwater forest, he said. The lake is so deep boats can't collide with the standing houses and trees.

Fresh water diving usually only offers varying shades of green, Pospeshil said.

"Fresh water is like a shopping mall," he said. "You only see the store you are in, but it keeps you excited about what's ahead."

"In the salt water the colors are vivid and velvety," he said. "There are many shades of color."

Besides color, Pospeshil is awed by the textures.

"It's really neat," he said. "It's not like on TV, it's better."

Courses, including equipment and travel to the certification dive are \$195. Students work at their own pace for certification.

Pospeshil also offers a class called "Discovering Scuba" for those who aren't sure they want to invest the time in a course. The cost is only \$10.

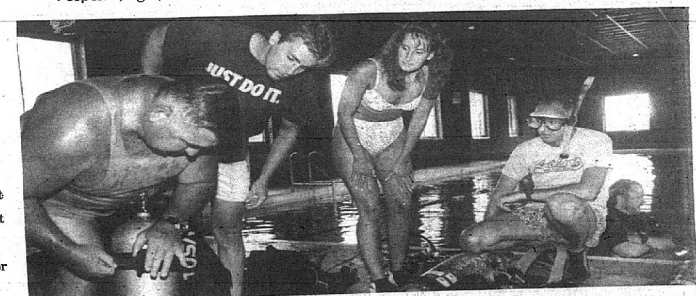
Several classes start each month.

For more information, contact Pospeshil at 624-8881.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Pospeshil, right, checks to make sure that student Robin Yucas, center, of Benton is OK.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Dive master David Cleveland, left, demonstrates how to attach the air tank to vests. Looking on are, from left, Tim Robinson of DuQuoin, Donna Long of St. Louis and Robin Yucas.



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Dive master David Cleveland of Sauget helps Tim Robinson lay out his air tank as he prepares to put it on in the water.

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Breast-feeding class set

The obstetrics department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering a class entitled "Breast Feeding Your Baby" to help parents who have chosen breast feeding and who want to know more about the subject.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the Obstetrics Solarium on the second floor of the Doctors Wing at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave. in Granite City. Preregistration is required. The deadline for preregistration is Thursday, Sept. 8.

Topics include the advantages of breast feeding, suggestions for increasing success and avoiding problems, tips for mothers who need to return to work and basic how-to information. For more information or to register, call 798-3040.

Latchkey director sought

The Salvation Army is looking for a director for its Latchkey Program. The successful candidate will be able to develop and meet the challenges of starting a new program.

The Latchkey Program is a before- and after-school program in which parents can drop off their children before school and pick them up after work.

Leaders will work with children to complete their studies and provide other learning experiences and recreational activities. Starting pay is negotiable, depending on experience and qualifications.

To be qualified one must have a child development associate degree or two years of college with 18 semester hours in child care courses or a certified teaching degree in elementary education.

All applicants will be cleared by the police department and be accepted by the Department of Family Services Licensing before hiring.

Childbirth classes slated

The Obstetrics Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is offering classes in prepared childbirth for expectant mothers and partners with due dates between Nov. 2 and Dec. 20. The cost is \$15 if delivering at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and \$35 if delivering elsewhere.

The six-week series of classes includes relaxation and breathing techniques, discussion of labor and delivery, medications, birth options, an introduction to parenting and breast feeding and a tour of the Obstetrics Department. The goal is for classes to be completed within two to four weeks prior to delivery date. Preregistration is required.

Tuesday sessions begin Sept. 13; Wednesday sessions begin Sept. 14. All sessions will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Obstetrics Solarium on the second floor of the Doctors Wing at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City. Information on a refresher course can be obtained by calling the Obstetrics Department.

Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 9. For more information or to register, call the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Obstetrics Department at 798-3040.

Stephens fighting proposal

Scott Base may lose 700 jobs

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

If a federal off-site agreement is carried out, more than 700 jobs could be lost at Scott Air Force Base by as early as September 1995.

Last week, State Rep. Ron Stephens joined local Army Reservists at a press conference at Metro-East Air Services Inc. in St. Jacob, urging Congress to stop the off-site agreement.

Stephens said this agreement, drafted by former Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, could result in a \$6 million loss for the local economy.

The off-site agreement would result in the relocation of all helicopters from the Army Reserves at SAEB to undisclosed National Guard sites.

More specifically, Stephens said these cuts could have dramatic results state and nationwide.

"A 13 percent cut in personnel from the National Guard (\$22,700 to \$37,000) would occur."

"The Army Reserves will suffer a 26 percent cut in personnel (\$79,000 to \$58,000)."

Members of Scott's 7th Battalion 158th Aviation Regiment are admittedly concerned.

Staff Sgt. Chuck Baumann said the unit's active days may be numbered.

If the Army sticks to protocol, Baumann said the entire unit could be deactivated within one year.

Official word on this unit's deactivation, however, has not come. But Baumann, a member of the unit for the past 10 years,

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— Ron Stephens

said the Department of Army's deactivation announcement could arrive as soon as Sept. 15.

The current Army reservists would be forced to retire or would be placed on inactive status. The agreement would also reduce the number of Illinois Guard and Reserve aircraft available for duty to 38 from the current 121.

Efforts are being made to keep the unit active. U.S. Sen. Arlin Specter from Pennsylvania is expected to introduce legislation that calls for a hold on the off-site agreement until the U.S. General Accounting Office has completed its audit. The GAO is currently studying how much the agreement will cost the federal and state governments. This audit is expected to be finished by Sept. 30.

"I believe the GAO audit is going to show that this move is militarily incorrect and a financial disaster," Stephens said. "Let's not take any action until we get those numbers."

Baumann estimated it will cost \$52.56 million to close the Scott unit. Nationwide, he said the plan is estimated to cost \$500 million to \$1 billion and require three to five years of training

before the National Guard units are ready.

Reservists have been in contact with each member of the Illinois congressional delegation urging opposition to the off-site agreement until the GAO audit is complete.

Jason Gerald, an Army reservist and Black Hawk helicopter pilot from Swansea, has written 82 Congressmen and President Bill Clinton. Nine have written letters back, as has President Clinton, Gerald said.

And all of the letters, he said, have the same rhetoric. "Thanks for writing and we'll take your opinion under advisement."

Stephens plans to contact the Illinois delegation again to remind them of the thousands of petition signatures generated in this area in opposition to the off-site agreement.

Stephens is presenting the congressional delegation with petitions containing 15,000 signatures.

Small business workshop set

A workshop on financial management for small businesses will be offered at three different locations during the upcoming months.

The workshop, sponsored by the Office of Management Studies and the Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registration is \$75.

This workshop is designed to help owners and managers of small businesses understand the financial documents required by lenders. Documents to be covered during the workshop include: cash flow reports, profit and loss statements and balance sheets. Emphasis will be placed on understanding how financial data relate to loan approval and business success.

During the workshop, participants will complete forms, using industry data, and develop a cash budget.

Locations and dates of the workshop include: Lewis and Clark Community College, Godfrey — Sept. 19, 26;

Edwardsville High School — Oct. 12, 19;

O'Fallon High School — Nov. 10, 17;

Edwardsville High School — Dec. 8, 15.

Additional information is available at 692-2929.

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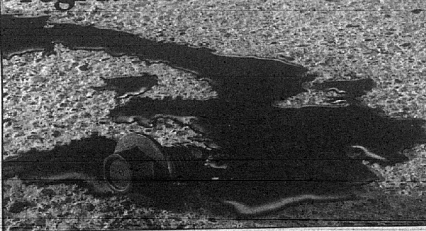
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Obituaries

Funeral Home, St. Louis.

Betty Kastelic

Betty J. (Thomure) Kastelic, 65, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 12:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Born May 23, 1929, in St. Louis, she had been a resident of Granite City for 27 years. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, John M. Kastelic, whom she married April 17, 1948; three sons, John W. Kastelic of Los Angeles, Mark M. Kastelic of Puyallup, Wash., and Dr. Keith A. Kastelic of Mission, Kan.; one brother, William A. Thomure of Bayonet Point, Fla.; two sisters, Georgia Canziani of St. Louis and Dr. Ruth Spargius of Springfield, Ill.; and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesse Hahn and George M. (Wyle) Thomure; and one sister, Marie Schneider.

Arrangements are pending with Irwin Chapel, Granite City, 931-8000.

Joseph Hahn

Joseph L. Hahn, 60, of Reeds Spring, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died at 2:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1994, at his residence. He was born March 30, 1934, in Bufordville, Mo.

An electrician, he was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce (Kent) Hahn, whom he married June 18, 1955; three sons, Dennis Hahn of Willard, Mo., Greg Hahn of Granite City, and Terry Hahn of Reeds Spring; his mother, Mattie Hahn of Granite City; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Hahn.

Visitation is from 6 to 7 p.m. today at Stumpf Funeral Home, 2801 Madison Ave., Granite City. Graveside services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville, with the Rev. David Tyler officiating.

Robert Renicke

Robert Albert Renicke, 69, of Granite City, died at 8:10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a three-year illness.

He was born March 11, 1925, in Smithton and had been a resident of Granite City for 40 years.

A dock worker for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1982, he was a member of Venice-Medison American Legion Post 307 and Rocks Springs Saengerbund in St. Louis. He was a World War II Navy vet.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda (Gibbs) Renicke, whom he married Oct. 1, 1945; two sons, Robert Albert Renicke II of Alton

and Marc Herman Renicke of Annapolis, Mo.; one daughter, Dana Lynn Elledge of Florissant, Mo.; one brother, Fred Renicke of St. Peters, Mo.; two sisters, Agnes Swafford of Wood River and Muriel McClellan of Overland Park, Kan.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Ida (Groth) Renicke; one brother, Harry Renicke; and three sisters, Margaret Mays, Ruth Walls and Dorothy Mikola.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services are at 12:30 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Norman Elledge officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Memorials to the donor's choice are suggested.

Lady Starkey

Lady (Bush) Starkey, 78, of Granite City, died at 8:41 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a short illness. She was born Feb. 21, 1916, in Clark, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 70 years.

A homemaker, she was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, William E. Ayers of Ketchikan, Alaska; one brother, Robert King Bush; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and nephews and nieces and great-nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd M. Starkey, who died 1965; one daughter, Mary Rae Marcum, who died in 1984; and her parents, Jonathan R. and Edith C. (Anderson) Bush.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services and burial will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville, with the Rev. Bob Logan officiating. Arrangements are by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach.

Memorials are requested for St. Elizabeth Medical Center Critical Care Unit.

Linda Nadziejko

Linda A. (Cunningham) Nadziejko, 54, of Collinsville, died at 10:19 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1994, at her residence.

Born July 3, 1940, in rural Kentucky, she was a licensed practical nurse.

Survivors include her husband, John L. Nadziejko, whom she married Sept. 5, 1971; two sons, Mark of St. Louis and Greg of Granite City; three daughters, Jennifer Marlotte of St. Louis, Jennifer Marlotte of St. Louis and Vanessa Nadziejko of Collinsville; one brother, Lurion Nadziejko, of Tennessee; and two sisters, Betty Parker of Tennessee and Lois Shier of California.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Seldon and Addie J. (Taylor) Cunningham; and four brothers and sisters.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for the St. Louis University Cardiology Department.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St., Collinsville, where services are at 11 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials are requested for the St. Louis University Cardiology Department.

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Agency offers help to seniors

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

Senior citizens trying to figure out health care reimbursements can find the forms more sickening than the office visit or hospital stay.

But the St. Clair County Health Improvement Association (HIA) said it can help ease the pain.

The non-profit organization handles all Medicare and supplemental insurance and offer advice on how to get the most out of an annual membership fee of \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.

"We have them dump their paperwork on us, including the medical bills," Averbek said. "We have to make sure they understand it."

Both Averbek and her assistant, Kathy Gundlach, have insurance brokers' licenses and offer advice on insurance, although they sell none.

Averbek said the background check when a new member brings in paperwork and HIA finds the client is spending more money than necessary or is not getting good benefits for the money.

"We let them know if we know of a better policy, but it's up to them to change," she said.

The agency also acts as a claims mediator for clients by calling insurance companies to clear up a bill or letting the companies know a client cannot be held responsible for some bills.

"Everyone doesn't have big claims, but we'll fight for \$5 if we can," Gundlach said.

Averbek said the agency prides itself on being able to recover funds for almost every client.

One client, unaware he had insurance coverage for his prescriptions, was able to recover two years' worth of payments he had made.

Averbek said the agency has been forgiven \$3,000 in hospital bills Medicare refused to pay after a call from HIA.

"There's no one that joins that we don't find somewhere to get some help," Averbek said.

Although HIA has been around for 40 years to help rural residents get insurance through Blue Cross, the agency has been flying solo since 1992.

Its activities are controlled by a 13-member board and an advisory committee.

Membership is open to any senior citizen eligible for Medicare and is not limited to St. Clair County.

HIA counts about half its nearly 900 members from the old Blue Cross days and the other half as new members who have joined in the last two years. But the goal is to have 2,000 members to break even.

Averbek said, "Many people out there don't realize there's somewhere to turn like this out there," she said. "We're looking for people to share our information."

What will happen if they get sick? It's better to recuperate knowing someone is taking care of that," she said.

Averbek and one of the board members often talk to groups to make them aware of the service. HIA also hosts two speaker/lunch programs a year to recruit new members.

For more information on the program, which is funded solely by membership fees, those interested may call Averbek at 234-8111.

Other people do fine handling their own paperwork, she said, but there are pitfalls there as well.

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Statewide school board group endorses governor

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Jim Edgar has snagged the endorsement of a statewide group claiming to represent administrators and school boards.

Teacher unions backing Democrat Dawn Clark Natchez quickly attacked the endorsement Tuesday.

The governor appeared at news conferences Tuesday with representatives of the political action committee of the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance.

The governor contended support from school board members has more credibility with voters than teachers' union officials. "I think it indicates my opponent's argument that we have not been interested in the schoolchildren of this state is not true," he said.

The spokesman for the alliance group, Macomb School District Superintendent Frank Evans, said the endorsement meant the Republican governor had the backing of 12,000 administrators and school board members belonging to groups forming the alliance.

But Alton School Board member Leroy Fritz, who is also a former teacher and administrator in the district, said Tuesday that he was not aware of the endorsement representing the Illinois Association of School Boards, to which he belongs.

"I haven't made up my mind on which candidate I favor at this time and I'm really up in the air," Fritz said.

Other area school officials also said they did not know their state associations were endorsing a candidate in the governor's race.

Evans said a 12-member committee unanimously decided to endorse Edgar after reviewing questionnaires and the records of the governor and Natchez. He said the members of the individual organizations were not consulted or notified prior to the endorsement announcement, but he said he was confident many of them will provide campaign contributions and volunteer efforts for Edgar.

Two teachers' unions, the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers, which represent more than 180,000 members between them, are endorsing Natchez and denounced the group support for Edgar.

Natchez's campaign has focused its attack on Edgar charging he has not adequately supported

education, citing a decline in the state share of school funding since he became governor. She also is touting a plan to boost state income taxes to pay for increased education spending, reduced property taxes and income tax breaks for some taxpayers.

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Pom Pon practice — Pom Pon squad members Dawn Margrabe and Kelly Sumpter, far right, direct the Granite City High School's Pom Pon squad through practice recently. The squad is preparing for the start of its performing season.

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In Glen Norah the group was involved with one specific church conducting revivals in the evening. During the day they visited Africans in their homes who either belonged to the church or "had made the decision to follow Jesus Christ."

Also in Glen Norah, the group offered baptismal services. Monica said that although about 50 Africans were baptized.

"Guys from our team did the baptizing, so that was neat. They didn't crown anybody or anything," she said.

The only thing Monica didn't enjoy about the trip was jet lag. "The trip was very long and tiring, and I'm a major jet lagger."

She noted that there is a seven-hour time difference between the United States and Africa. The group returned Sunday, Aug. 7.

Back in Granite City, Monica attends Suburban Baptist Church.

But at the end of August, Monica whisked away again, this time to Chicago to begin working on her master's degree in psychology at Wheaton College.

She hopes to some day be a professional counselor. "I would like to work in a counseling firm. I will probably work with youth, maybe in some type of Christian firm," she said.

If Monica ever got the chance to go back to Africa, she said she'd definitely go. She said, "The door was open. I would like to go back to Africa."

Getting to know new people and a new culture, and being able to share gospel with them, that was the best thing about it.

When an individual wishes to sell real estate, a written contract should be signed by the seller and the buyer. This contract should include the sale price, the amount of down payment, the method of financing, the closing date, and which items of personal property will remain with the home. In addition, all other essential contract terms should be included in the written contract.

This office frequently receives calls from sellers of real estate who never bothered to have a real estate sales contract signed by all the parties.

In one recent case, a man and woman sold their home by auction. A filer was prepared which stated that a potential buyer would have to pay ten percent down and that any sale was final. The filer also indicated that the house was being sold "as is."

The people who bid on the home paid ten percent down and went to their bank to obtain financing on the balance of the purchase price. No written contract was ever signed by the sellers and buyers. A few weeks before the closing date, the

THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

buyers had the property inspected and discovered major structural damage to the home. The buyers wished to back out of the sale, and the sellers wanted to know whether they could require the buyers to proceed with the sale. The buyers in turn wanted to know whether they could obtain a refund of the ten percent down payment.

This case was substantially more complex due to the fact that the parties never entered into a real estate contract. There are two advantages to a written contract in a situation such as this. In the first place, all significant terms of the sale would normally be included in the written document, and it is difficult for the court to know what the parties intended without a sale contract. In addition, the law in Illinois generally indicates, with a few exceptions, that a contract for the sale of real estate must be in writing to be enforceable. Therefore, it behooves the sellers and buyers in a real estate sale to have a written contract in the event that problems later arise.

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Dugan - 25 Years

Robert and Lois Dugan celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

A reception for the couple was held on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Granite City Bowl.

Robert Dugan and the former Lois King were married Aug. 30, 1969, in Vandalia.

He has been employed with Fresh Warehouse in Centerville for the past three years.

She is a student at Belleville Area College.

She is the parents of three daughters: Vicki Dugan of Granite City and Christina and Elaine Dugan, both of Madison.

There are three grandchildren: James and Justin Dugan and Gary Walliser.

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Johnson-50 Years

Ed and Marie Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception held at Third Baptist Church in Granite City on Aug. 13.

More than 140 friends and family members attended the reception to honor the happy couple.

Guests traveled from as far as Indiana and Tennessee to join in the celebration.

The couple grew up in the Lewisburg, Tenn. area.

Ed is the son of Zelma Johnson of Springplace Road.

His sisters, Peggy Hunter and Martha Ervin, still live in Lewisburg.

Marie's mother is Lena Pearl Cooke, who currently resides in Columbia, Tenn. At one time, Marie lived in Cornville, a nearby community.

The couple met at the local shoe factory during the early days of World War II. They eloped to Alabama where they were married.

Ed and Marie continued their love of each other when World War II separated them.

The couple later moved to Illinois in search of employment.

After their son and daughter were born, Ed took on extra jobs to help feed the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson

Today, their family has grown to include six grandchildren. Ed worked at the Engineer Army Depot until it closed. He retired from Scott Air Force Base in Belleville.

Marie retired from the Granite City School District.

Through the years, life was made easier by their belief in God and a strong, supportive church fellowship, the couple said.

They offered thanks to everyone for their expressions of love and kindness during their joyous anniversary. The cards, gifts and calls were appreciated by the happy couple.

They said they are proud to say that they hope there will be another 50 years of life together.

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Steven and Julianne Singleton-Singleton-Jasudowicz

Julianne Marie Jasudowicz and Steven Wayne Singleton were married June 11, 1994, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City by the Rev. Michael B. Hart.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jasudowicz Sr. of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Steve Singleton of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Rhonda Tipler. The bridesmaids were Michelle Genovese, Chris Harper, Stacie Kelley, Kelley Woodall and Lisa Karius, cousin of the bride.

The best man was David Seilheimer. The groomsmen were Wesley Johnson, Ron Dallas, Joseph McGowan, David McFarland and Rodney Bernhard, cousin of the groom.

The junior bridesmaid was Erica Bernhard, cousin of the bride. The flower girl was Erica Zepoff, godchild of the bride. The ringbearer was Joey Karius, cousin of the bride.

The ushers were Richard Jasudowicz Jr., brother of the bride; and Ryan Bernhard, cousin of the groom.

The candlelighters were Jodi and Julie Singleton, sisters-in-law of the groom. The guest book attendant was Teresa Rains.

A reception was held at Engelbert Hall in Madison.

Julianne is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School. She is employed by Christian Northeast Hospital in St. Louis as a radiology technician.

Steven is a 1994 graduate of Granite City High School. He is employed by McFarland Heating and Cooling as a sheet metal worker.

Terry and Jennifer Dutko-Dutko-Debevc

Jennifer Heidi Debevc and Terry John Dutko were married June 25, 1994, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Tom Wise.

The bride is the daughter of Vince and Kathy Debevc of Granite City. She is a 1988 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville with a bachelor of science degree in physical education.

She is employed with Granite City School District 9 as a physical education teacher at Coolidge Junior High School.

The groom is the son of Terry and Judy Dutko of Granite City. He is a 1993 graduate of St. Louis University with a master of science degree in chemistry.

He is employed with Industrial Testing Laboratories in St. Louis as a chemist.

The maid of honor was Johnna Czar of Granite City. The bridesmaids were Ann Marie Hoerr and Sarah Butkovich, cousins of the bride; Christina Dutko, sister of the groom; Lisa Roush and Christine Wise.

The best man was Duane Jones. The groomsmen were David Dutko, brother of the groom; Ryan Weeks; Mark Pickler; Scott Gales; and Nick Gibbons, cousin of the bride.

The flower girl was Laura Romanik, cousin of the groom. The ringbearer was David Gibbons, cousin of the bride.

The ushers were Dave Gasparovic and Rick Laing, both of Granite City.

The paige was Christopher Gibbons, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held at the AMVETS Hall.

Following a honeymoon in the Lake of the Ozarks, the couple resides in Granite City.

Marriage licenses

The following marriage licenses were issued through the office of Debbie Saitch, Madison County clerk:

Donald Berry and Barbara Dunnavant, both of Madison.

Charles Britt and Daniel Overton, both of Granite City.

Mark Degonia and Cynthia Rutter, both of Madison.

Rick Dickerson of Granite City, and Bonnie Goodman of Mt. Olive, Ill.

Johnny Dunlap and Toni Pulley, both of Granite City.

Francis Gibson Jr. and Angelica Sandalia, both of Granite City.

Jeffrey Hairo and Nicole Howard, both of Venice.

Kevin Jacoby and Rebecca White, both of Madison.

Patrick Keeling and Lisa Lewis, both of Granite City.

Kirk Meador and Hunter Army Air Field, Ga., and Leigh Funke of Granite City.

Jerry Millmaker Jr. of Imperial, Mo., and Tracy Lowe of Granite City.

Eddie Milton and Patricia Fenton, both of Granite City.

Mark Reiser and Stacy Richardson, both of Granite City.

Alan Schrockenberg of Pontoon Beach, and Laura Harmon of Sorento, Ill.

Dexter Townsend of Madison, and Lawanda Jones of Centerville.

John Williams of Venice, and Vane Hill of Fairview Heights.

Michael Giltho and Iric Turk, both of Granite City.

Tony Merz and Krystal Hoffmann, both of Granite City.

Michael Ostresh and Tina Huhghey, both of Granite City.

Jeremiah Spies of Florissant, Mo., and Brandi Myers of Granite City.

David Stranghoener of Imperial, Mo., and Pamela Bennet of Granite City.

Michael Taylor and Shannon Smith, both of Madison.

Donald Burge of Edwardsville, and Elizabeth Barrington of Granite City.

Jackie Copeland of Granite City, and Lora Belcher of Collinsville.

John French Jr. of Hamilton, Ill., and Janet Riden of Granite City.

Jimmy Hall and Barbara Liemann, both of Granite City.

Eugene Harrod of Venice, and Veronica Burch of Madison.

Theron Hogue Jr. and Kim Fountain, both of Granite City.

Dave Jackson and Lisa Babcock, both of Granite City.

Kyle McMahon and Linda Shaver, both of Madison.

Eric Moore of Indianapolis, and Paulette Smith of Granite City.

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Sports

Section B
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1994
GRANITE CITY PRESS-RECORD



Metro East players fill up record book

No wonder fans of Illinois State University football are optimistic. Sure, it's been well-documented that former Belleville All-Pro running back Hickey Thompson and former East St. Louis Senior High star Chris Moore will be in the Redbird fold this fall. According to a recent Illinois High School Association publication, ISU has two of the state's best ever.

THE IHSA record book is so dominated by Thompson and Moore that it's nearly impossible to list all their records.

Moore completed his East Side career in 1991 with a state-record 5,174 yards and 86 touchdowns. Thompson closed his All-Pro career in 1990 with a national-best of 3,915 yards rushing.

Thompson was so dominant in the 1990 postseason that the IHSA record book devotes a quarter of a page to his efforts that eventually led to a 21-13 win over Rock Island in the Class 3A title game.

In five playoff games, he carried 126 times for 1,225 yards (an average of 9.6 per carry) and 14 TDs. His total offense, including pass receptions, amounted to 10.5 yards per play.

Against Monticello in a 49-7 semifinal success, he rushed 32 times for a record 410 yards and five touchdowns. Moore carried for 148 yards and four TDs in a 40-6 romp over Glenbard North in the 1990 Class 6A title game, but it was in the quarterfinals where he set records with most points (42), most touchdowns (7) and most TDs rushing (7) against Elgin Larkin.

PAGE AFTER PAGE has HT and CM records, including Thompson's eight games rushing for more than 200 yards and 13 times of 100 or more. Moore holds the state record for rushing TDs in a career (86), but in looking at the mark I found reference to Billy Greenwald of Highland tied for fourth at 68. Greenwald though leads with TDs in a season at 45 in 1989.

Other Southwestern Illinois players listed include Deandre Singleton of East Side with a state second-best 37 TD passes in a season (1990). The longest TD pass play in state history was a 99-yarder from Ronnie Cameron to Lavett Blaylock in 1984 against Buffalo Grove. Homer Bush of East Side has the season record for receiving TDs (22) and yards (1,431) in 1990 for 70 receptions. Marc Tuttle of Edwardsville is seventh in receptions in a game (13).

JOE STAHLSCHEIDT of Columbia stands third in single-game rushing yards at 241 in 1980 vs. Staunton. Jeff Hornberger of Edwardsville is fifth in average yards rushing per carry at 8.8 (career 1974-76).

Marquette's Craig Hentrich remains the state's premier punter-placemaker with a 75-yard punt vs. Mascoutah in 1987 as fourth-best and a 55-yard field goal in '88 tied for second. Althoff's Drake Marshall is tied for second in pass interceptions in a season (14 in 1990). Deron Patton of Columbia is No. 1 with nine fumble recoveries in a season ('89).

Scott Germain of Columbia has a career best of 336 solo tackles ('87-'89) while Joe Leitner of Edwardsville has the season-best 169 stops.

(Art Voellinger is the baseball and soccer coach at O'Fallon High School. He writes a twice-weekly column for the Journal.)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEKEHURD)

Chris Janek (55) and Bobby Ellis (85) of the Warriors go after a fumble by Cahokia's Rumel Witcher during last Friday's season opener at Memorial Stadium.

Warriors focus on O'Fallon

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

With first-game nerves out of the way and a week off to re-evaluate, Gary Bridell and Don Harris will have a better idea of what to expect tomorrow night. Although Bridell's O'Fallon Panthers shut out Mascoutah 16-0 in its opener last Friday, Bridell said he saw plenty of room for improvement. The Panthers spent most of the game clinging to a 3-0 lead before putting the Indians away with two touchdowns in the final quarter.

Elks boys tourney this weekend

The second half of the 10th annual Granite City Elks youth soccer tournament will kick off Saturday with 124 boys teams set to play at the Belleville Area College soccer complex. The event, which drew 88 teams to last weekend's girls tournament, concludes Monday with four championship games. The final game will be played at 2 p.m. on Labor Day.

JIM MCKECHAN, a member of the Elks athletic board, said last weekend's girls tournament was a good start. "It was very successful," McKechan said. "We've really got the fields looking good. Teams are guaranteed three games, so we've got about 5,000 people coming in for the boys tournament."

This weekend's tournament, for under-8 through under-14 teams, draws from the St. Louis metropolitan area, the Chicago area, Iowa, Wisconsin and Ohio. Thirteen fields will be used, 11 of which are situated at the BAC complex in Granite City.

Rain postpones soccer team's home opener, plus tennis, golf

The Granite City High soccer team's home opener against Civic Memorial on Tuesday was cancelled following a rainstorm that left The Gauntlet unplayable.

A makeup date was not scheduled. Weather permitting, the Warriors are scheduled to play their first home match tonight against McCluer North. The junior varsity team will play at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity squad to follow.

THE WARRIORS, WHO opened the season Saturday with a 4-2 victory over Peoria Richwoods, will also be home for Saturday night's match against St. Louis area power Vianey. The JV match is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., with varsity action to follow.

Two other GCHS teams were rained out Tuesday. The Warrior team's home match against Alton Marquette and Metro East Lutheran at Arlington Golf Course was cancelled. No makeup date was announced. The Warriors are scheduled to play today against Roxana and Wood River at Arlington.

Football

OTIS MEETS THE Warriors (0-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Memorial Stadium.

The Panthers broke through with 9:22 left in the Mascoutah game, when quarterback Cory Alexander hit Monte Mister with a 26-yard touchdown pass. Up to that point, the two teams had committed several turnovers and traded off possessions.

Soccer

which are situated at the BAC complex in Granite City. "At the complex, all 11 fields will be used at the same time," McKechan said. "We think we're one of the biggest tournaments in the Midwest. It's as good as any tournament you'll find in the (St. Louis) area."

UNLIKE THE GIRLS tournament, which featured under-10 through under-19 teams, the boys field is not open to high school college-age players because of the ongoing fall high school season. Several college and high school teams competed in the girls tournament.

"We had a number of college coaches who came and watched," McKechan said. The tournament chairman is Randy Witter. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Elks athletic funds.

Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 1
GOLF: Granite City vs. Roman, Wood River, 4 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Granite City at Civic Memorial, 5 p.m.
SOCCER: Granite City vs. McCluer North, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 2
GIRLS TENNIS: Granite City at Edwardsville, 4 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Granite City vs. Highland, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Granite City vs. O'Fallon, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 3
CROSS COUNTRY: Granite City Invitational, 9 a.m.
SOCCER: Granite City vs. Vianey, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 6
GOLF: Granite City at Belleville West, 4 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS: Granite City vs. Belleville West, 4 p.m.
SOCCER: Granite City at Alton, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 7
CROSS COUNTRY: Granite City at Tiger Classic, 4 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Granite City vs. Edwardsville, 6 p.m.

The Lady Warrior tennis team's home opener against Triad on Tuesday was also cancelled, and no makeup date was announced. The Lady Warriors were scheduled to play O'Fallon at home Wednesday.

Harriers open year in GC Invitational

By Rob Raphael
Correspondent

The cross country season gets off to its usual bang in Granite City this weekend as runners from across the region will be on hand for the annual Granite City Invitational at 10 a.m. Saturday. Meanwhile, Warriors coach Dave McClain, already busy preparing for the invitational, is trying to put together the girls and boys teams before the meet.

McCLAIN HAS A slightly smaller group to work with than in previous years. He has 11 girls out for the team, which he said is normal. But only 12 boys are out, which is down a bit. "I have only four freshmen out, which is disappointing," said McClain.

Granite City had three runners who qualified for sectional competition in 1993. Sean Lewis, Nicole Done and Jennifer Splaingard each ran in the sectional meet last year, and Done and Splaingard both return in 1994. Done is a junior, and Splaingard

is a senior. "Almost the entire girls team is back," McClain said. "Only Suzie Hart won't be back, because she moved to Utah. That puts us in good shape as far as the girls team goes."

BESIDES DONE AND Splaingard, the Lady Warriors return seniors Leslie Penberthy, Jessica Stegelmeyer, Kelly Thomas, Laurie Eburns and Stephanie Douglas.

Also set to contribute are sophomores Heather Mell and Connie Meyers, as well as junior Ginger Gerster.

"I feel like this will be a good season for the girls," McClain said. "It may be a fun year to watch the girls."

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS 1994 Cross Country	
September	
3 Granite City Invitational.....	10 a.m.
7 Tiger Classic.....	4 p.m.
10 Mount Vernon Invitational.....	10 a.m.
17 Edwardsville Invitational.....	9 a.m.
24 Springfield Invitational.....	10 a.m.
28 Triad Invitational.....	4 p.m.

October	
1 Harwood Central Inv.....	9 a.m.
4 Madison County Meet.....	4:15 p.m.
11 SWC Inv. at East St. Louis.....	4:30 p.m.
18 at Alton.....	4:30 p.m.

Oct. 22: Regional Tournament
Oct. 29: Sectional Tournament
Nov. 5: State Tournament

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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Joey Mays (left), 10, of Collinsville and Nathan Grimm, 8, of Collinsville take on each other as plans for the Gus Macker Tournament are finalized for this weekend.

Macker Mania

Almost a year of hard work about to pay off with weekend basketball gala

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

Steve Grimm can hardly believe it. Nine months of planning are behind, and "Macker Mania" is finally ready to invade Collinsville.

The nationally known Gus Macker Tournament, a three-on-three basketball celebration, will be held Saturday and Sunday on Gateway Drive, near the Gateway Center and Jalapeno Restaurant in Eastport Plaza. Approximately 725 players are registered to compete.

THE TOURNAMENT, whose presenting sponsor is the Collinsville Jaycees, is back in town after making its debut in 1992. Grimm, the chairman of the local Gus Macker committee, can hardly wait. "We're raring to go," said Grimm. "The support

of the people — both local and Macker 'groupies' has been wonderful.

We're really excited about the event. There's a lot of work that's gone into it. Next comes the payoff.

"We're really pumped up at this point. It's going to be much bigger than the previous event two years ago (which attracted 116 teams). We're feeling pretty good."

Players from six states — Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Oklahoma, Iowa and Mississippi — will be in attendance. Players will range in age from 8 to 54. Seventy-five players will

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Trivial matters

1. What IHSA school has won the most state titles in all sports? The record includes outright and shared state championships.

2. East St. Louis Lincoln has won 24 state titles, which includes a shared state title in boys track in 1973. What IHSA school has won the most outright state titles without sharing at least one? Answers at Right.

Community Sports Calendar

Illini football on WIBV
University of Illinois football fans can again catch all of the action this fall on the Fighting Illini Radio Network via WIBV (AM 1260). Illinois' first game airs today when the Illini travel to Soldier Field in Chicago to take on Washington State at 7:30 p.m. Neil Funk begins his third year as the play-by-play man for Illini. Jim Grabowski returns for his 17th season as color analyst. Also, WIBV will air "The Illini Today" each weekday and "The Lou Tepper Show" every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m.



Coming up

St. Louis teams visit Gauntlet
Gene Baker (left) and the Warriors host McCluer North tonight and Vianey on Saturday.

Trivia answers
1. Winnetka (New Trier)/Winnetka (New Trier East) has won 61 total state championships.
2. Elmhurst (York) has won 25 outright state titles and hasn't shared one.

•Run

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McClain is not as optimistic about the boys' squad. Besides Lewis, the Warriors also lost Ernie Miller and Aaron Jackstadt, to name just a few.

But the Warriors do have quality runners returning, such as seniors Keith Seiz, Darrell Thick and Chris Roedy.

Add in junior runners Jason Anderson and Chris Mangiacino, as well as sophomore Kelly Huckleberry, and the Warriors are not without hope.

"IT COULD BE a tough year for the boys," McClain said. "We're a little weak in some spots. But as long as we continue to improve our times, I'm sure we can field four or five very competitive runners for any meet."

"That's what's important — to improve each meet. You never really know what you will have from meet to meet, you just have to keep working and keep lowering your times. So far (in practice), we're doing that."

As for this weekend's meet, McClain said he has been working nearly around the clock preparing for the event.

"It's become sort of a tradition, carried over from the days

when it started at North High School," McClain said. "It's grown into quite an event. More than 25 schools will travel to Granite City for the meet, which features races for both girls and boys at the varsity, freshman/sophomore and open levels."

IN THE DAY'S final race, anyone can take part, and often some of the coaches run in that race.

McClain said area schools such as East St. Louis, Lincoln, Belleville East and West, O'Fallon and Highland will be strong as usual, and regional teams such as Hazelwood Central and East, Jacksonville, Springfield and Mount Vernon should be tough to beat as well.

"It makes for one of the better meets in the area, on either side of the river," he said. "We're very proud of it, and it takes a lot of help from the school and the community to put it off."

"We're excited about the meet, and excited about the upcoming season in general. We have a great group of kids out this year. They're a responsible bunch, with good work ethics. I'm looking forward to a fine year."



Nicole Done

Sean Lewis

•Football

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inside the "red zone."

GRANITE CITY MADE it inside Cahokia's 20-yard line on its opening drives in the first and second half. But both times, the Warriors came away empty. Granite City had the ball inside the 20-yard line on four different drives and could not score.

"We never did get the big play, but we were there to get it out," Harris said. "We have to improve."

"We're working on execution a little bit and going over our mistakes. The kids are counting on coming back and getting in the win column. We want to get better each week. We're really counting on cutting down our mistakes."

Friday's non-conference game will be the first between the two teams in several years. O'Fallon, a member of the South Seven Conference, has another non-league game Sept. 9 against St. Louis. The Warriors will be opening its conference schedule the following week against Mount Vernon.

THE WARRIORS, meanwhile, hope to even their record before opening the Southwestern Conference schedule Sept. 9 against Belleville West.

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— Gary Bridell

O'Fallon coach

"We're the same as they are; we both have a tough schedule," Harris said. "They're a good football team. By them winning the first week, I'm sure they're going to come in confident."

The Panthers are led by an experienced backfield that includes Alexander and running backs Victor Davis and Rashad Bartholomew. The two juniors combined to rush for nearly 100 yards against Mascoutah.

Alexander completed 7 of 15 passes for 88 yards, including the touchdown strike to Mister. Alexander also serves as the team's punter and placekicker. He kicked a 30-yard field goal against Mascoutah.

"CORY'S A GOOD athlete," Bridell said. "He's very intense, and he's really helped us out

with our kicking game. He does a real good job." "He runs their offense well," Harris said. "He fits right in to what they do."

O'Fallon runs a balanced offense centered around the running of Davis and Bartholomew. "They both can hurt you, and (O'Fallon) can throw the football, too," Harris said. "It's a well-balanced attack. They have some speed and quickness we're going to have to contain."

O'Fallon's running game utilizes two other ballcarriers, Eddie Feeley and Alti Taylor.

"We've got enough there to give us some depth," Bridell said. "That's going to help us. I hope. We don't have much depth in our line. We've got a little more speed than we've had in the past, but we're just not very big."

O'FALLON'S offensive line includes junior center Andrew Reusche (6-4, 195); junior tackle Rob Dulaney (6-1, 231); senior tackle Eric Danielson (6-4, 210); and senior guard Kurt Eversgreen (6-1, 180).

The ends are senior Chris Koopmans (6-4, 210) and junior Aaron Stone (6-3, 195). The offense includes wideout Joe Hicks, a senior.

Defensively, the Panthers are led by Karven Vaughn, a 6-3, 245-pound tackle.

"He's a good ballplayer," Bridell said. "He's a pacesetter for us, and we hope he continues playing well."

The defensive line includes

Koopmans at the other tackle; senior nose tackle Toby Riestler (6-2, 280); junior end Steve Kirkland (6-3, 210); and senior end Geoff Wells (6-2, 200). Taylor and Feeley both play linebacker, and the secondary is made up of Hicks, Mister and juniors Steve Fleiffer and Curtis Gilbert.

BRIDELL SAID he expects Warrior fullback Pat Curry to present a test for his defense. At 6-3, 255 pounds, Curry has enough size to play on the line. When he isn't running the ball, he helps block for senior Mike Kalips and junior Billy Niepert. Kalips rushed for 80 yards against Cahokia, and Curry had 62.

"He's a load, I understand," Bridell said. "We're just not that big, so he has to be a concern for us. He's going to be a handful."

"He's hard to bring down," Harris said. "He's a much improved runner from last year."

Curry and the Warriors hope to improve on last year's numbers as well. Granite City went 4-5 after beginning the season with a loss to Cahokia.

The Warriors lost most of their starting lineup to graduation, but have returned a bigger squad. Granite City figures to match up well physically against most of its opponents, including O'Fallon.

"That's a good situation for us this year, and hopefully we'll take advantage of that a little bit," Harris said.

Bowling official retiring after half century of work

More than a half-century of bowling center management and industry administration is scheduled to end on Dec. 31 when Ken Wassser retires as executive director of both the Greater St. Louis and the Missouri State Bowling Proprietors Associations.

The word "scheduled" is included in the announcement because Wassser will stay on beyond that date if no replacement has been found.

"But I hope to leave by then," he said.

The white-haired official began his bowling industry journey in 1943 setting pins at Ferguson Lanes, "when I was 14. I became assistant manager in 1947 and in 1950, my dad (William) and I bought the center."

Ken was the proprietor until 1979 when he took over the St. Louis BPA office as executive director, and added the state title in 1987.

His son, Doug, purchased Ferguson Lanes from his dad in '79 and remains the proprietor today.

Ken and his wife, Gloria, have four other children. Tom has a computer company in Washington, Mo.; Ron works for Celucost Bowling Supplies; Ken Jr. is employed by National Food Stores; and Beth McClanahan is branch bank manager for South Side National Bank in Dellwood.

Ken, who will be 65 in December, plans to do plenty of traveling. The Wassers own a motor home and intend to use it a lot.

In addition to his BPA duties, Ken is well-known for his participation in junior and high school bowling programs throughout the state, and as a coordinator for the annual Singles Bowling Tournament, which is sponsored by the Suburban Journals.

Wassser was part of the original committee for the singles tournament in 1969 when the now-defunct St. Louis Globe-Democrat founded the event.

HERRELL'S Budweiser Eagles and Crestwood Bowl held onto first place after competition on Aug. 23 in the Anheuser-Busch/BPA Masters and the St. Louis BPA Women's All-Stars at Suburban Lanes.

Herrell's whipped Busch Light 32-8 and has a 16½-point lead over runner-up Grey Eagle Michelob Light, which stopped Krey's Bud Light Barons 28-11.

Herrell's owns 88½ points to 72 for Grey Eagle and 71 for Krey. Fourth place is a tie at 56½ between the Michelob Masters and Michelob Dry, which jumped from eighth place on a 33-7 verdict over the Masters.

Mike Crossman, who lives in



Howard Kee

Berkeley, led the league and Michelob Dry with a 268 single in a 707 series. Jeff Loesche, a Swansan resident, had 700 for Herrell's.

At St. Clair, Herrell's meets seventh-place Budweiser Ice Draft, which has 49 points.

Crestwood Bowl has a 12-point margin over Plaza's Jewelers, 97-85. Crestwood Stopped Team No. 5, 28-12, while Plaza's was a 35½-14½ victory over Cottorwood Bowl.

Jana Loden, who recently married Masters League member Jim Loden, lives in Belleville and led the league with 603 for Team No. 5. Lisa Hinson of Florissant had 664 for Plaza's.

ST. CHARLES buddies Randy Lightfoot and Leroy Bornhop won back-to-back titles in the Midwest BPA regionals earlier this month.

Lightfoot won the Bud Light Open at Oakland Plaza Lanes in Columbia, Mo., on Aug. 13-14, and Bornhop followed a week later by taking the Budweiser Open in Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 20-21.

For Lightfoot, it was his fifth regional title, while Bornhop picked up No. 17. Each earned \$2,000 for their efforts.

Other cashers at Columbia were Doug Buehrer, Granite City, \$875; Bornhop, \$480; Mark Wolff, Ballwin, \$450; Mark Seifert, Scott, \$310; Anthony Whitehead, East Alton, \$300; Mike Carter, Pocatonton, Ill., \$205; and Scott Kuhn, Mineman, \$205 each, and Mike Mineman, Belleville, \$170.

Mineman was third behind Bornhop, collecting \$800, with Lightfoot and Carter the only other local players to cash.

CAMELOT BOWL in Collinsville will be the site for the Miller Midwest Regional BPA Tournament, Sept. 2-4. Practice for the pros will take place on Friday, Sept. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. to start the three-day festival.

On Saturday, competition begins at 9 a.m., with squads following at 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Pro-Am squads begin that night at 7:30 p.m. for adults, seniors and juniors. For information, call 344-6610.

Sunday's pro wrap-up runs from 9 a.m. until about 4 p.m. (Howard Kee writes a weekly bowling column for the Suburban Journals.)

•Macker

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complete in the age 14 division (56 boys, 19 girls).

"I THOUGHT WE'D have a lot of kids involved, just because this is the type of event they can play in," said Grimm, a lawyer in Collinsville. "But I thought there would be a more even distribution between older teenagers and young adults."

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Games will be played until approximately 6 p.m. and will be followed by a slam dunk contest. Games begin at 8 a.m. Sunday and will continue throughout the afternoon, when championships will be decided in each division.

In addition to Collinsville, players from Belleville, Granite City, Edwardsville and Swansea, to name a few, will be represented. A group of 200 is expected from Decatur, where the Macker tournament has steadily grown since its 1987 debut.

"DECATUR HAD its tournament on Labor Day the last seven years," said Grimm. "This year, they wanted to make it a summer event, so they held it in June. That opened up this date for us. It worked out great."

Plans to bring the tournament back to Collinsville began last November.

"It looked awfully far away back then," said Grimm. "The Collinsville Jaycees have supported us from the beginning. That's one of the single biggest factors that led us to decide to go with the event this year. We're glad to have them."

Now that it's back, Grimm hopes the Macker Tournament and Collinsville are a regular Labor Day match. The economic impact will likely be significant, with visitors spending money at local restaurants, motels and other attractions.

"The actual dollars (it will generate) is hard to predict," said Grimm. "I know we'll have a lot of people coming here from out of the area. Until the dust settles after the event, we won't know how much of an impact it will be."

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3. East St. Louis (T)
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5. Hazelwood West
6. East St. Louis (NR)
7. St. Louis U. High
8. Parkway Central
9. Mehlville (NR)
10. Howell North (N)

Also receiving votes: Edwardsville, Pattonville. Number in parentheses indicates number of votes received at end of last year.

Small

1. (6) Ladue (5)
2. (6) Lutheran (4)
3. Festus (4)
4. Althoff (10)
5. AKCES (7)
6. St. Charles West
7. Hillsboro (6)
8. Waterloo (11)
9. Clayton (NR)
10. St. Charles (NR)

Also receiving votes: DuBois. Number in parentheses indicates number of votes received at end of last year.

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| Belleville West | 10-0 |
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By the numbers

Journals Coaches Poll
Football
Large SchoolsSeason-opening poll
Large schools

1. Hazelwood East (3).....	9-1
2. Sumner (7).....	7-3
3. East St. Louis (TS).....	9-3
4. Eureka (4).....	10-1
5. Hazelwood West (8).....	6-3
6. ESL Lincoln (NR).....	5-4
7. St. Louis U. High (TS).....	9-2
8. Parkway Central (2).....	11-2
9. Meshville (NR).....	7-3
10. Howell North (NR).....	4-4

Also receiving votes, in order: Howell, Edwardsville, Fattalville, DeSoto, Kirkwood. Number in parentheses indicates ranking at end of last year. Records are from last year.

Small schools

1. (tie) Ladue (5).....	8-4
1. (tie) Lutheran North (3).....	12-2
3. Festus (4).....	11-2
4. Althoff (10).....	5-4
5. MICDS (11).....	9-2
6. St. Charles West (NR).....	9-2
7. Hillsboro (6).....	13-1
8. Waterloo (11).....	13-1
9. Clayton (NR).....	7-4
10. St. Charles (NR).....	4-4

Also receiving votes: Brentwood, Dubourg. Number in parentheses indicates ranking at end of last year. Records are from last year.

Southwestern Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Belleville West	0	1	0	1
East St. Louis	0	1	0	1
Alton	0	1	0	1

Last Friday

Belleville West 18, Moline 15
East St. Louis 34, Chicago Simeon 16
Civic Memorial 41, Collinsville 14
Cahokia 15, Granite City 6

Last Saturday

Alton 20, Althoff 7
Naperville North 14, Belleville East 6
O'Fallon at Granite City, 7:30
Belleville West at Cahokia, 7:30

This Friday

Belleville East at Althoff, 7:30
Quincy at Alton, 7:30
Collinsville at Mascoutah, 1
Sumner at East St. Louis, 1:30

This Saturday

O'Fallon at Granite City, 7:30
Belleville West at Cahokia, 7:30

This Sunday

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Collinsville at Mascoutah, 1
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(Staff photo by PAM DOPKE-HURD)
Warriors quarterback Jeremy Hoback tries to squeeze out some yardage during last Friday's 15-6 loss to Cahokia.

Cahokia Conference

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Carlyle	0	1	0	1
Dupo	0	1	0	1
Waterloo	0	1	0	1

Last Friday

Freeburg 34, Nashville 15
Columbia 21, Arcola 12
Dupo 28, Sesser-Vallier 14
Carlyle 38, Vandalia 0

This Friday

Waterloo at Dupo, 7:30
Central at Freeburg, 7:30
Red Bud at Carlyle, 7:30
Columbia at Chester, 7:30

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Jerseyville

Jerseyville.....	0	1	1	0
Mascoutah.....	0	0	0	1
Wood River.....	0	0	0	1

Last Friday

Triad 46, Plains 8
Civic Memorial 41, Collinsville 14
Highland beat Edwardsville by forfeit
Jerseyville 27, Alton Marquette 7

This Friday

Civic Memorial at Wood River, 7:30
Marion at Highland, 7:30
St. Genevieve (Mo.) at Jerseyville, 7:30
Roxana at Effingham, 7:30

This Saturday

Alton Marquette at Triad, 7:30
Waterloo 57, Wood River 0

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O'Fallon 16, Mascoutah 0

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Roxana 17, Mount Vernon 14
Salem 24, Centralia 14
Union County (Ky.) 38, Marion 8

Last Saturday

Carbondale 28, Murphysboro 7

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Granite City Park District

Softball (Final)

Tony's Restaurant.....	11-1
Robin's Drywall.....	8-4
J.C.....	5-6
Buntco Steel.....	4-4
Ken's Lounge.....	1-11
*Playoff champion	

Men's 2A

Sports Tap.....	9-3
G.C. Pest Control.....	9-3
Hammerline.....	5-7
Fast Bottomed Girls.....	5-7
American Colloid.....	5-9
Hollen Meats.....	1-11
*Playoff champion	

Men's 3A

Ron Goforth.....	9-3
Matt's Muffler.....	8-4
John's Vending.....	7-5
Purple Dawgs.....	7-9
Nu Thang.....	2-10
*Playoff champion	

Men's 4A

Indians.....	9-3
Ernie & Annie's.....	9-3
Comfort Air & Heating.....	9-3
Grumpy Old Men.....	9-3
Kramden's Hooters.....	5-7
Leflovers.....	5-9
Smokey Joe's.....	1-11
*Playoff champion	

Men's 5A

Bud Light/Jacobsmeyers.....	9-3
Freebirds.....	8-4
Electric Mud Puppies.....	7-5
Kramden's.....	7-5
Ingleside.....	6-6
Papa Bindy's.....	4-8
M.H.C.....	1-11
*Playoff champion	

35-Over

Bindy's.....	9-2
Eagles II.....	8-4
Sports Tap.....	7-5
Eagles.....	4-7
*Playoff champion	

Seniors

Pontoon Dairy Queen.....	10-2
Midwest Deniers.....	8-4
Kutis.....	6-6
Old Rookies.....	6-12
*Playoff champion	

Church 1A

City Temple.....	9-3
Full Gospel Fellowship.....	7-5
1st Presbyterian.....	6-6
Church of God.....	2-10
*Playoff champion	

Sports shorts

Softball tournament
The Granite City Steel Softball Association will host a Class C and D men's tournament Sept. 9-11.

The entry fee is \$125. Based on a 16-team field, first place will be worth \$700, second place will be \$450, third place will be \$250 and fourth place will be \$125.

For more information, call Rick Demaree at 931-4774 or Cindy Schubert at 931-5634.

Golf scramble

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual golf scramble Oct. 7 at Fox Creek Golf Club.

The fee of \$70 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with cart, greens fees, one mulligan per person per team, and food and beverages. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the tournament will begin with a shotgun start at noon.

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. Attendance prizes will also be presented.

Beverages will be available throughout the course, and dinner will be served after the tournament. Non-golfers are welcome to join the group at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at a cost of \$5 per person.

Four-player teams can be assembled in advance or matched up at the event. To register a team or to sign up as a \$50 tee sponsor, call Rosanna Herren at the Chamber of Commerce office, 655-7600.

In case of inclement weather, a rain date will be announced.

Spoonhour at Sunset Hills
St. Louis University men's basketball coach Charlie Spoonhour will headline the second annual SIUE Celebrity Golf Benefit, scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19, at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

All proceeds will benefit SIUE men's basketball. The tourney includes a round of golf, cart, refreshments, team prizes and a buffet dinner.

In addition to Spoonhour — the 1993-94 Basketball Writers Coach of the Year — the list of celebrities scheduled to attend includes SIUE president Nancy Belck, KSDK-TV sports director Mike Bush and noted Final Four official Ed Hightower.

SIUE coach Jack Margenthaler will host the event, which has a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. A reception will be held at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 7.

Registration is \$150 per person or \$600 per foursome. Tee and/or green sponsorship is \$100. For those wishing to attend the dinner and not play golf, the cost is \$40. A total package of a four-some, one tee sponsorship and dinner for four is \$700.

For more information, call Margenthaler or SIUE assistant athletic director Brad Hewitt at 692-2871.

Herzog at Annabrie
Former Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog will play in the second annual BAC Baseball Celebrity Golf Classic, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 22, at Annabrie Golf Course in Waterloo.

Participants will play the 18-hole course beginning with a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Four-person teams will compete against celebrity teams. The entry fee of \$100 per player or \$400 per team includes greens, range balls, golf cart, lunch and dinner, attendance prizes, hole prizes and awards.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the BAC baseball program. For more information, call coach Neil Fiala at 235-2700 or Harry Easley at 939-8666.

Bantam II tournament
A Bantam II baseball tournament will be held Sept. 10-11. The cost per team is \$100. Each team is guaranteed three games. For more information, call (314) 426-1406 or (314) 427-1728.

Eagles/Sharks tryouts
The 16-and-under Eagles/Sharks girls fast-pitch softball team is holding tryouts and forming an all-star squad. For more information, call (314) 286-0841.

Cardinals tryouts
The Subway Cardinals, a Midget I baseball team, is holding tryouts for catchers, pitchers and outfielders. The team will play at least 45 games. For more information, call Jim at (314) 458-3921.

Prep football scores, schedules

ALTHOFF CRUSADERS
1994 Football

August
27 Alton..... L 7-20

September
2 Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Cahokia..... 7:30 p.m.
17 Eureka..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.

October
1 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
8 Beaumont..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Pooler Bluff..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Spring, Sacred H. Griffin..... 7:30 p.m.

BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS
1994 Football

August
27 Naperville North..... L 6-14

September
2 Althoff..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Mohrville..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at SLUH..... 7:30 p.m.
24 Alton..... 1:30 p.m.

October
1 at East St. Louis..... 1:30 p.m.
7 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
14 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.

BELLEVILLE WEST MAROONS
1994 Football

August
26 Moline..... W 18-15

September
2 at Cahokia..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
16 East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Althoff..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.

October
8 Francis Howell North..... 7:30 p.m.
14 Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.

CAHOKIA COMANCHES
1994 Football

August
26 at Granite City..... W 15-6

September
2 Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Althoff..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Roxana..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
30 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.

October
8 ESL Lincoln..... 1:30 p.m.
14 at Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Spring, Southeast..... 7:30 p.m.

COLLINSVILLE KAHOKS
1994 Football

August
26 Civic Memorial..... L 14-41

September
3 at Mascoutah..... 1 p.m.
9 Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
16 Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.
30 at Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 at Belleville East..... 4:30 p.m.
14 O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.
22 at East St. Louis..... 1:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA EAGLES
1994 Football

August
26 Arcola..... W 21-12

September
2 Chester..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Freeburg..... 7:30 p.m.
16 Red Bud..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Carlyle..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 at Dupu..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Waterloo..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Gillespie..... 7:30 p.m.

DUPO TIGERS
1994 Football

August
26 at Sesser-Valer..... W 35-14

September
2 Waterloo..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Red Bud..... 7:30 p.m.
16 Carlyle..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Berkeley..... 7:30 p.m.
30 at Freeburg..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 Columbia..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Breese Central..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Chester..... 7:30 p.m.

EAST ST. LOUIS FLYERS
1994 Football

August
26 Chicago Simon..... W 34-16

September
3 Sumner..... 1:30 p.m.
10 at Hazelwood East..... 1 p.m.
16 at Belleville West..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.

October
1 Belleville East..... 1:30 p.m.
8 Alton..... 1:30 p.m.
15 ESL Lincoln..... 1:30 p.m.
22 Collinsville..... 1:30 p.m.

ESL LINCOLN TIGERS
1994 Football

August
27 Chicago Bowen..... W 42-6

September
3 St. Louis Gateway..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Rosevelt..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Beaumont..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Mt. Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.

October
8 at Cahokia..... 1 p.m.
15 East St. Louis Sr..... 1 p.m.
21 at Moline..... 7 p.m.

EDWARDSVILLE TIGERS
1994 Football

August
26 Highland..... L 0-2 (forfeit)

September
2 Carbondale..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Marion..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
30 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 at Mt. Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
14 Cahokia..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.

FREEBURG MIDGETS
1994 Football

August
26 Nashville..... W 34-15

September
2 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Columbia..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Marion..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Carlyle..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Dupu..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 Orchard Farm..... 7:30 p.m.
14 Red Bud..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Mater Dei..... 7:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS
1994 Football

August
26 Cahokia..... L 6-15

September
2 O'Fallon..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Carlinville..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Jerseyville..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 Francis Howell..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Belleville East..... 7:30 p.m.

MASCOUTAH INDIANS
1994 Football

August
26 O'Fallon..... L 0-16

September
3 Collinsville..... 1 p.m.
9 at Roxana..... 7:30 p.m.
17 Jerseyville..... 1 p.m.
24 at John Burroughs..... 1:30 p.m.
30 at Triad..... 7:30 p.m.

October
8 Wood River..... 1 p.m.
15 Bethalto..... 1 p.m.
21 at Highland..... 7:30 p.m.

OTTALON PANTHERS
1994 Football

August
26 Mascoutah..... W 16-6

September
2 at Granite City..... 7:30 p.m.
9 St. Louis U. High..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Mt. Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
23 Centralia..... 7:30 p.m.
30 at Marion..... 7:30 p.m.

October
8 Carbondale..... 1 p.m.
14 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Edwardsville..... 7:30 p.m.

RED BUD MUSKETEERS
1994 Football

August
26 Chester..... L 7-30

September
2 at Carlyle..... 7:30 p.m.
9 Dupu..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Mt. Vernon..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Waterloo..... 7:30 p.m.
30 OPEN DATE..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 Breese Central..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Collinsville..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Sparta..... 7:30 p.m.

TRIAD KNIGHTS
1994 Football

August
26 at Plaza Southwestern..... W 46-8

September
2 Alton Marquette..... 7:30 p.m.
9 at Carlinville..... 7:30 p.m.
16 at Wood River..... 7:30 p.m.
23 at Jerseyville..... 7:30 p.m.
30 Mascoutah..... 7:30 p.m.

October
7 at Highland..... 7:30 p.m.
14 at Bethalto..... 7:30 p.m.
21 at Bethalto..... 7:30 p.m.

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Births

Wade Kirsten Vobbi has announced first child, a son, Wade Alexander, 5:59 p.m., July 28, Elizabeth's H. and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. His grandparents Cindy Vobbi of Alton, Ill. and Kevin and Kim City have announced their second child, Allie Michelle, p.m. Aug. 6, Beth's Hospital weighed 7 pounds. The mother goes. Maternal Leonard and son, son. Paternal grandmother and son, son. Allie joins K. Alex. Benny and Granite City's ter. Alexis Rean, p.m. Aug. 6, Mercy Medical weighed 7 pounds. The mother da Vest. Maternal Chester and city. Paternal grandmother and son, son. Drs. Gary of Troy have of their birth. Brande Marie, p.m. May 19, Hospital In weighed 7 pounds and joins Kate. Her maternal Pete and Ade. Its City. Jackie Carl the paternal g. Matthew Kevin and of Glen Carl son. Matthew 5:31 a.m. May son Hospital. pounds, 4 ounces, 18 months. Phil and Maryville are parents. The paternal Bob and Ka Brees. Lu Kevin and Collinsville birth of their. Luke Kenn a.m. May 2 Hospital. H. 12 ounces, Charissa, 5.

Births

Wade Yobby
Kirsten Yobby of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a son.
Wade Alexander was born at 5:59 p.m. July 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.
His grandparents are Larry and Cindy Yobby of Granite City.

Allie Pryor
Kevin and Kim Pryor of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.
Allie Michelle was born at 8:45 p.m. Aug. 6, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
The mother is the former Kim Goos.
Maternal grandparents are Leonard and Mary Goos of Madison.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Lee Pryor of Granite City.
Allie Jo Kathryn Nicole, 3.

Alexis Nolan
Benjamin and Rhonda Nolan of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.
Alexis ReAnne was born at 9:02 p.m. Aug. 6, 1994, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
The mother is the former Rhonda Vest.

Maternal grandparents are Chester and Reta Vest of Granite City.
Paternal grandparents are Benjamin and Olivia Nolan of Granite City.

Brandie Cantrell
Drs. Gary and Dolores Cantrell of Troy have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.
Brandie Marie was born at 5:52 p.m. May 19, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 10½ ounces and joins Kate, 6, and Tracy, 2.
Her maternal grandparents are Pete and Adele Dochow of Granite City.
Jackie Cantrell of Richview is the paternal grandmother.

Matthew Huelsmann
Kevin and Tammy Huelsmann of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their second child, a son.
Matthew Phillip was born at 5:31 a.m. May 21, 1994, at Anderson Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins Brandon, 10 months.

Phil and Shirley Imboden of Maryville are the maternal grandparents.
The paternal grandparents are Bob and Kathleen Huelsmann of Breese.

Luke Scaggs
Kevin and Tammy Scaggs of Collinsville have announced the birth of their fourth child, a son.
Luke Kenneth was born at 1:05 a.m. May 22, 1994, at Anderson Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and joins Felicia, 8½, Charissa, 5, and Daniel, 3½.

His maternal grandparents are Ken and Ruth Hinkle of Troy.
Ron and Carol Scaggs of Highland are the paternal grandparents.

Dillon Martin
Dennis and Trisha Martin of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.
Dillon Ray was born at 8:41 a.m. May 25, 1994, at Anderson Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins Tawni, 5, and Tori, 2.

Philip and Peggy Cruse of Granite City are his maternal grandparents.
The paternal grandparents are Dennis Martin of Edwardsville and Lucille LaVallay of Shawnee, Okla.

Paige Donohoo
John and Kim Donohoo of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.
Paige Olivia was born at 9:30 a.m. Aug. 11, 1994, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.
The mother is the former Kim McKinney.
Maternal grandmother is Barbara McKinney of Granite City.
Paternal grandparents are Rachel Donohoo of Marine and the late John F. Donohoo.
Paige joins Torrie, 5.

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9/1	WE	EDW. RED BUD GREENVILLE	VAR	HOME	4:00
9/11	TH	ROKANA WOOD RIVER	VAR	HOME	4:00
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9/25	TH	BELEVILLE EAST, E. ST. LOUIS	VAR	HOME	4:00
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8/31	TH	WILLIAM NORTH	JV-V	HOME	5:30
9/1	WE	WIANNEY	JV-V	HOME	5:30
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Survey: Education does pay off

By Jane Cosby
Correspondent

This back-to-school time of year provides a good time to take a look at the importance of education and the return on the big investment of time and money an education represents.

The American Association of School Administrators (AASA) has published a 21-page booklet outlining the ways education pays off for our society.

The booklet says education is an investment for our society, not an expense.

Taking a look at our pocketbooks offers one of the most impressive ways to measure the benefits of an education.

A U.S. Census Bureau survey in 1990 found the average monthly earnings for high school dropouts are \$492 a month. High school graduates average \$1,077 a month, and those with a professional degree topped the scales at an average monthly income of \$4,961.

This dramatic example shows that greater earning power is the payoff for an education.

In addition to earning more, individuals with more education can expect to have an easier time finding a job. The AASA says increasingly employers want to hire people with advanced training—apprenticeships, technical school training or college degrees.

It should come as no surprise to anyone that the standard of living for children is tied to their parents' standard of living. But it is also tied to their parents' level of education.

Sixty-two percent of children younger than age 6 whose parents had not completed high school live in poverty, according to a 1990 survey from the National Center for Children in Poverty.

Compare that figure to only 4 percent of children who had at least one parent with education beyond the high school level who live in poverty. Getting

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an education clearly offers a way to break the cycle of poverty in which some families seem trapped.

Although the implications for individuals from such data is clear, educational attainment effects communities as well.

More than 80 percent of all prison inmates are high school dropouts, says a 1989 survey from the Institute for Educational Leadership. In addition, states with high graduation rates tend to have the lowest number of prisoners, says the AASA booklet.

Education has proved to be a way for providing equal opportunity for minorities in our society. Since 1975, SAT scores for all students have risen, but the most dramatic increases have been realized by minority students.

Both individuals and communities need to invest in education, says the AASA. Individuals will benefit with higher salaries and better job security. Communities will claim more economic growth, increased ability to compete worldwide and citizens who are able to participate in our democratic process.

Jane Cosby is a former teacher and the mother of two.

If you have any questions or have a specific topic you would like to see covered in this column, please write to: ABCs For Parents, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.



Graduates — Three Granite City residents recently graduated from medical programs at Belleville Area College. Above, Lisa Lewis receives her pin as a graduate of BAC's Medical Assistant Program from coordinator Rose Hall, center, and instructor Cheryl Hutchison, right, at a pinning ceremony at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. Below, Jeffrey Wyatt receives his pin as a graduate of BAC's Medical Laboratory Technology Program from coordinator William Meekins. In bottom photo, Beth Koebel receives her Medical Laboratory Technology pin from Meekins.



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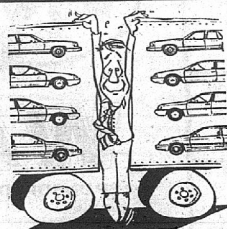
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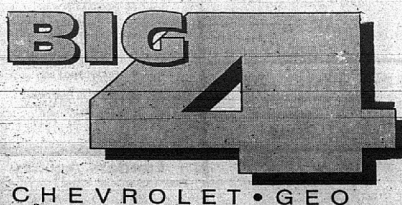
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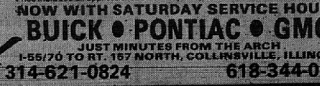


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Thursday, Sept. 1
An emotional Cancer moon continues to churn feelings and stir up old memories. Air your childhood discontents. Mom could supply helpful insight to old hang-ups. Monthly astrology in analytical Virgo sextiles explosive Pluto in secretive Scorpio — detective work finally brings truth to light. The self-oriented sun opposes restrictive Saturn, stymieing communications with all. Your own council holds you on track.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A mysterious admirer drops hints that are designed to fire your ardor. Passions lead where faint hearts seldom roam. Job duties cramp your social style. Plow on your boss impressed by your self-discipline.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Your body-conscious mood propels you to a spa. Your mate is set aflame by a svelte new you. Luxurious and high-ticket purchases sabotage your budget. A timely arrival sets the stage for sensuality.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's a superb day to do research, solve puzzles and design new ideas. A career project in potential cash donor may be insincere. Call his or her bluff, and prosper. Luck's clear, up-front arguments.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Personal study catalyzes deep changes. A fresh perspective — a new money view opens lucrative financial doors. Mates are divided over separate priorities. Your generous intuition's your love needs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A down-home setting is a spring-

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or selling real estate brings a huge chunk of cash. Caution — watch out for swindlers. Go over contracts with a fine-tooth comb before signing. A lover turns defensive when you call him or her on a mistake.

YOUR BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1)
Get clear on your goals — effective prioritizing creates extra time. A long-term domestic focus begins in January. Make hot real-estate deals during '95. Romance abounds in January through April — serious lovers take vows. Honey-moon abroad in May. Enjoy a huge career boost after the holidays. Maintain your energy with a sensible diet and exercise. Your lucky numbers are 6 and 12.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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A down-home setting is a spring-

board for a smart career move. Invite a mentor to dinner at your place. Persevere. An influential parent oversteps his or her bounds. Choices are yours — accept responsibility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You're in synch with collective will — promote a civic organization's aims. Sponsoring a charity benefit boosts your status. Cash comes from carefully planned investments and commercial ventures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Artistic endeavors win you dollars, recognition and greater influence among peers. Toot your own horn — the public adores your confidence. Settle conflicts between job and domestic demands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Focus on completing the work at hand — new projects are coming. Thank helpful parents and in-laws for efforts on your behalf — spoken gratitude inspires more help down the road.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A love overture gets a hot response — explore your passions. A cozy setting. A lucky career move brings fresh income. Fortify your position — week common ground with VIPs. Stick with a health regimen for vitality.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)
A couple's disagreement leads to greater understanding. Accept differences as fodder for mutual growth. A son needs your quality attention — being there for a child helps him or her build important self-esteem.

Camp is child of Hollywood marriage

The most interesting recent show business marriage had nothing to do with Michael Jackson or Julia Roberts. It wed two wildly different filmmaking geniuses: the late, great Gene Kelly and his new couple already has a child.

He's named Forrest Gump. The movie is a perfect hybrid of two previously divergent Hollywood styles: tricky, high-tech editing and a fast-paced, personal storytelling. That's partly why the millions of people seeing "Forrest Gump" think they're seeing something original.

In the past, eye-popping camera tricks were used to mostly brainless blockbusters, from "Die Hard" to "True Lies." The "extraordinary" came the hard-belted: When Arnold Schwarzenegger piloted a Harrier jet, you didn't wonder whether his tray table was in the full upright and locked position. Feasibility was the issue.

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looks down at his shoes and says, "Mommy said they'd take me anywhere. She said they were magic shoes." The same can be said of Zemeckis' camera and his post-production team.

From the opening shot of an apparently free-floating (but actually computer-choreographed) feather to the film's final credits, "Forrest Gump" is a masterpiece of movie-making tricks to bind together its fanciful tale.

To watch "Forrest Gump," you would think star Tom Hanks spent months learning to play Ping-Pong. Instead, his table tennis prowess is largely the result of a special effect: He played without a ball, to the sound of a metronome to keep the rhythm. The ball was added later.

When Gump speaks at an anti-war protest, the 100,000 people gathered near the Lincoln Memorial are actually 1,500 extras filmed over and over again at different locations around the reflecting pool. Through digital compositing, they become a seamless throng.

And the movie's end, the birds flying over Jenny's grave were enhanced by a special-effects team.

Even the music seems manipulative: the movie's nearly 50 songs are used rather predictably. The best-selling "Forrest Gump" soundtrack uses so many familiar songs, in fact, that other producers are now struggling to find recordings for their movie soundtracks not on the "Forrest Gump" line.

What is "Forrest Gump?" Zemeckis was considered one of the town's top purveyors of special effects. His sleight-of-camera credits include the "Back to the Future" films, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" and "Death Becomes Her."

"Forrest Gump" represents a clear, dramatic break from the previous Zemeckis films. The earlier works were superficial amusements, set in unreal worlds, filled with spectacular digital effects, colorful animation and state-of-the-art visuals. The movies were fun to watch and sold a lot of tickets, but lacked substance.

With "Forrest Gump," Zemeckis has turned his resume upside down: Now he's working in the real world, telling a story about ordinary people.

But he can't shake his old habits. He's still taking it. Early in the movie, Gump

about? What do the film's effects accomplish? That you don't have to be smart to lead a wise life? That times change but people remain the same?

Given the movie's hyperrealism, when something doesn't add up in "Forrest Gump," it sticks out. You can't dismiss it because "it's just a movie."

Once you dive into a pool of honesty, you have to swim in it, too.

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FAMILY

Black-white 'wage disparity' examined

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Economist Nan Maxwell has some disappointing news for African-American male students eager for the new school year.

Maxwell claims lower-quality education for black students sentences African-American men to take-home pay that's significantly less than their white counterparts.

The solution to trimming that 20 percent difference in earnings, Maxwell claims, is to improve educational quality for African-American students.

Otherwise, "black wages will continue to lag behind white wages as long as black schooling lags behind white schooling," Maxwell wrote in a recent edition of "Industrial & Labor Relations," an academic journal.

That's bad news for a society that prides itself on equality, plus an economy that increasingly demands high-skilled workers.

Maxwell, a professor of economics at the University of California-Hayward, used the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth in her study. In 1979, 12,282 youths ages 14 to 21 were interviewed for the study. The same group was surveyed again in 1988, then ages 23 to 30.

After examining the black-white wage differential of men in the survey, Maxwell concluded that the key to wage parity between blacks and whites is through basic skills.

"Raising black skills levels to white levels would decrease wage differentials to 6 percent, cutting over two-thirds of the current differential," Maxwell wrote.

Maxwell doesn't blame only the schools for the disparity in skills levels — and subsequently, wages.

Her econometric calculations also used non-school variables such as whether the students' parents were professionals or managers, whether reading material was kept in students' homes, whether students' were raised in female-headed households and the education levels of the parents.

In short, was educational success encouraged outside the classroom? When black and white students were schooled and raised in similar environments, wage differences were insignificant, she found. In fact, blacks' earnings sometimes exceeded those of their white counterparts.

However, that was the exception, Maxwell found.

Maxwell wrote that while the percentage of African-Americans completing high school has climbed above 60 percent, the white graduation rate approaches 90 percent. Moreover, just one-quarter of black graduates attend college vs. 40 percent of whites, she wrote.

"Improving education quality for blacks — which will entail not only changes in schools, but also changes in other aspects of the socioeconomic environment — is perhaps the most direct way to give a change to improve their basic skills and increase their earnings," she wrote.

School bus safety urged

The end of the Illinois State Fair signals the beginning of a new school year for students throughout the state.

And state officials want students, parents and motorists to be alert to the potential for tragedy that exists now that school buses and students are again out on the area's roadways.

"Children will be walking, riding their bikes or standing along the roadways waiting for the school bus, and this is an excellent time to remind motorists to be especially careful," Illinois State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer said in a message sent out to coincide with the beginning of school around the state.

Students excited about school starting might not be thinking about proper safety methods when they cross the street. It's not too early to start reminding motorists to be especially careful, Gainer said.

Every school year the Illinois State Police receives numerous complaints of drivers passing stopped school buses when the alternate red flashing lights are activated and the stop arm is extended, Gainer said.

"Passing a stopped school bus from either direction is a serious matter and carries a fine along with an automatic driver's license suspension," Gainer said. Any motorist who passes a school bus which has stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading children threatens the safety of the children riding on the bus.

There is one exception to the law. If the school bus is stopped on a highway having four or more lanes, which permits at least two lanes of traffic to travel in the opposite direction, then a vehicle approaching the stopped school bus in the opposite direction need not stop.

Motorists driving in school areas are also encouraged to think about safety and watch for children.

Youngsters, especially small children, are unpredictable and difficult to see.

School signs warn of the school areas and crossings, and motorists driving through these areas should slow down, watch carefully and be prepared to stop if necessary, reminded Gainer.

The speed limit in school zones, 20 mph, is in effect on school days whenever students are present.

The safety lessons that moms and dads teach will ensure that their youngsters can learn other lessons in school, Gainer said. Parents should teach their children to obey crossing guards, always look both ways before crossing streets, and never, under any circumstances, take rides from strangers.

"It's up to each of us to drive with extreme vigilance, and to assume that the children are not watching out for us," Gainer said.

SS information available on the Internet

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

Social Security has hitched a ride on the information superhighway.

"Social Security Online" is available on Internet for electronic distribution of agency publications.

Internet is a public-domain network linking individual computer networks at universities, foundations, libraries, corporations, government agencies and other host organizations. It is estimated that 20 million people at 22,000 networks worldwide use Internet to exchange information at their desktop personal computers.

Computers can access a wide range of Social Security information. That information includes speeches by Social Security Commissioner Shirley Chater; publications about retirement and benefits; statistics on Social Security programs; legislative updates; reports on Social Security trust funds; and answers to frequently asked questions.

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Q. I recently wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics to get a copy of my birth certificate so I can get my Social Security. The bureau told me my birth is not on record and suggested I get a delayed birth certificate. Is this necessary?

A. Don't get a delayed birth certificate just for Social Security purposes. When birth certificates are recorded late in life, they don't have much value as evidence.

There are other documents you can use to prove your age for Social Security. Is there a religious record of your birth, like a baptismal certificate? Religious records established before age 5 have the same

evidence value as birth certificates.

If you have no birth certificate or religious record, several other documents may suffice. Records from the military, schools and employers are examples.

Q. I applied for Social Security disability benefits but was turned down. I was advised that I should appeal, but I don't know if it is worth the trouble. Won't I just be denied again?

A. There's no guarantee that

an appeal decision will go your way, but it doesn't cost you anything to request an appeal. About 13 percent of disability claimants who initially are turned down are allowed benefits when they request a reconsideration — the first level of appeal.

Nearly 75 percent of people who request a second appeal — a hearing before an administrative law judge — are awarded benefits at that level.

Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to appeal the decision on your claim.

A Social Security office in St. Louis recently moved. The office that was at 625 N. Euclid Ave. moved a few blocks west to 5809 Delmar Blvd. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The telephone number is 1-800-772-1213.

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